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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to S.B. 1108, relating to department of agriculture; registration; fee

Purpose

Allows the Director of the Department of Agriculture (AGR), with the assistance of the AGR Advisory Council, to increase or decrease the statutory pesticide registration fee until June 30, 2016.

Background

In 2008 the Legislature provided AGR the authority to increase pesticide registration fees. The increased fees were used to conduct an unusable pesticide disposal program and a pesticide container recycling program in FYs 2009 through 2012. Although the authority to increase fees still existed in FY 2012, AGR was able to return the fee to its previous level and continue the programs.

Laws 2012, Chapter 303, the environment budget reconciliation bill (BRB), allowed AGR to continue existing fees, but because AGR had returned the fee to the \$100 statutory level, the language in the BRB did not allow an increase in fees.

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows the Director of AGR, with the assistance of the AGR Advisory Council, to increase or decrease the statutory pesticide registration fee until June 30, 2016.
2. Requires any additional revenue generated by the fee to be deposited in the Pesticide Trust Fund.
3. Requires any fee reduction that brings the fee below \$100 to be allocated:
 - a) 75 percent of the reduction to be allocated to the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund
 - b) 25 percent of the reduction to be allocated to the Pesticide Trust Fund.
4. Exempts AGR from rulemaking requirements for the purpose of increasing or decreasing fees until July 1, 2016.
5. Repeals the provisions on July 1, 2016.

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6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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