

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5503

Department of Agriculture – Fee Bill

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

SB 5503 ratifies fees for the Department of Agriculture that were implemented through administrative rule during the interim.

The Department has increased fees for industrial hemp, food safety, weights and measures, animal rescue entity, and livestock identification programs.

The fee increases are anticipated to generate \$2.2 million in Other Funds revenue during the 2025-27 biennium. The ratification of these fees enables the continuation of these fee supported programs, and these changes are assumed in the Department's budget bill, SB 5502.

The –1 amendment corrects the Industrial Hemp Vendor License from \$200 to \$100 based on the approved amount and adds the Weights and Measures fee changes that were administratively approved in January 2025.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5503 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.