

HB 4130 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Thatcher**Senate Committee On Rules****Action Date:** 03/04/26**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.**Vote:** 4-0-1-0**Yeas:** 4 - Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Starr**Exc:** 1 - Thatcher**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/4**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure states that lands under certain farm crop and farm product processing facilities that are currently employed for “farm use” may qualify for the farmland special assessment. It requires an owner of exclusive farm use (EFU) land under such processing facilities to apply for the first year of the special assessment. It requires an owner of non-EFU land under such processing facilities to include information in the application demonstrating that the facility meets the definition of “processing facility.” It applies to tax years 2027–2028 and later.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and background of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Farmland may be assessed based on its value for farm use rather than on its highest and best use value. Farm use value is based on the farmland’s ability to generate farm income, as determined by soil quality, climate, and distance to market. Value is then converted to present value. Farm use value is calculated the same way for EFU land and non-EFU land. Owners are required to file an application for special assessment of non-EFU land.

Farm use is the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit by using land for crops, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals, honeybees, dairies, animal husbandry, aquatic species, or cultured Christmas trees. Farm use may also involve a woodlot of 20 acres or less, wasteland, land under farm buildings, ponds, or land for implementing a remediation plan.