



BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 115 (S-1, Draft 2 as reported)
Committee: Appropriations

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FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2014-15 YEAR-TO-DATE	FY 2015-16 SENATE SUBCOMM.	CHANGES FROM FY 2014-15 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions.....	446.0	446.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS	84,052,200	81,088,200	(2,964,000)	(3.5)
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received	318,100	317,300	(800)	(0.3)
ADJUSTED GROSS.....	83,734,100	80,770,900	(2,963,200)	(3.5)
Less:				
Federal Funds.....	10,176,200	10,427,900	251,700	2.5
Local and Private	98,300	128,100	29,800	30.3
TOTAL STATE SPENDING.....	73,459,600	70,214,900	(3,244,700)	(4.4)
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds.....	28,143,400	27,641,300	(502,100)	(1.8)
GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE.....	45,316,200	42,573,600	(2,742,600)	(6.1)
PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	4,750,000	4,750,000	0	0.0

FY 2014-15 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation.....	\$84,052,200
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Changes from FY 2014-15 Year-to-Date:

- Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Increase.** Governor recommended an increase in registration and inspection fees totaling \$1,220,000 restricted to enhance the surveillance of fertilizer and pesticide industry. Senate did not include. 0
- Food Establishments.** Governor recommended an increase in food establishment fees totaling \$1,514,000 restricted and 8.0 FTEs to increase inspections in an effort to improve food establishment compliance to food safety regulations. Senate did not include. 0
- Commercial Feed Inspections.** Governor recommended an increase in inspection fees totaling \$521,400 to enhance inspection activity. The current FY 2014-15 appropriation authority level for this support is adequate for this increase in restricted revenue to be expended. Senate did not include and adjusted fund source for revenue expected. (521,400)
- Geagley Laboratory Improvements.** Governor recommended a one-time appropriation of \$500,000 GF/GP to replace outdated and unsupported equipment at the lab. Senate did not include. 0
- Accounting Service Center.** Governor and Senate recommended \$50,000 GF/GP to fully fund the accounting service center. 50,000
- Commercial Forestry Audit Program.** Governor recommended elimination of \$150,000 GF/GP program. Senate added \$150,000 GF/GP to bring FY 2015-16 appropriations to \$300,000. 150,000
- Rural Development Value-Added Grant Program.** Governor recommended elimination of the \$950,000 GF/GP grant program. Senate provided \$250,000 for FY 2015-16. (700,000)

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8. County Fairs Capitol Improvement Grants. Governor recommended a reduction in funding for the program of \$150,000 GF/GP, leaving the FY 2015-16 level at \$170,000 GF/GP. Senate provided a funding level of \$300,000 for FY 2015-16.	(20,000)
9. Shows and Expositions Grants. Governor recommended the elimination of the \$50,000 GF/GP grants to agricultural exhibitors. Senate provided \$20,000 for FY 2015-16.	(30,000)
10. Removal of FY 2014-15 One-Time Funding. Governor and Senate recommended the elimination of one-time GF/GP funding for Food and Agriculture Industry Growth Initiative (\$2.0 million), Muskegon Farmers Market (\$200,000), and Ottawa County Agriculture Incubator (\$500,000).	(2,700,000)
11. Adjustment for FY 2014-15 Appropriations Actions. Includes Executive Order 2015-5 (\$600,000) and \$190,000 from contingency transfer 2015-2.	410,000
12. Economic Adjustments. Includes a negative \$588,200 Gross and a negative \$329,400 GF/GP for OPEB and \$412,900 Gross and \$228,900 GF/GP for other economic adjustments.	(167,400)
13. Other Changes. Governor and Senate recommended non-GF/GP technical adjustments across various lines to reflect anticipated revenue and expenditure levels.	564,800
14. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate is \$3,055,800 Gross under and \$200,000 GF/GP over the Governor.	
Total Changes	(\$2,964,000)
FY 2015-16 Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Gross Appropriation.....	\$81,088,200

The changes show the differences between the schedule of programs proposed by the Governor and the prior-year line items.

Boilerplate Changes from FY 2014-15 Year-to-Date:

1. **Benchmarks.** Senate replaced FY 2014-15 benchmark language with requirement that metrics be established to measure performance of new programs or program increases in excess of \$500,000. (Sec. 205)
2. **Animal Indemnification.** Governor and Senate removed a requirement providing for animal indemnification for certain instances of death by wild animals already in statute. (Sec. 453)
3. **Animal ID.** Governor and Senate removed prohibition of using electronic tags on anything other than cattle. (Sec. 456)
4. **Whole Herd TB Testing.** Governor and Senate eliminated language prohibiting whole herds from being tested more often than every four years or not re-tested until all other county herds have been tested, except under certain circumstances. (Sec. 459)
5. **Conservation Districts.** Governor and Senate eliminated Section which provided guidelines for the allocation of appropriations to conservation districts. (Sec. 603)
6. **Funding Restriction.** Governor and Senate eliminated language prohibiting the use of any other funds for administration or implementation of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program other than what is provided in its line. (Sec. 605)
7. **Grape and Wine Report.** Governor and Senate eliminated requirement for annual report on Grape and Wine Industry Council activities. (Sec. 709)
8. **Strategic Growth Initiative Grant Program.** Governor and Senate amended guideline language by striking Section 711(7) which designated \$250,000 for a Michigan Tech regional partnership project. (Sec. 711)
9. **Thoroughbred Purse Disbursement.** Governor and Senate eliminated language providing for disbursement of thoroughbred purse funds in the event no races are held. (Sec. 803)
10. **One-Time Basis Appropriations Only.** Governor and Senate eliminated language concerning FY 2014-15 one-time appropriations for the Food and Agriculture Industry Growth Initiative grant program. (Sec. 1101)

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