

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2051 S HB	Title: Agricultural disaster assist
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2021-23		2023-25		2025-27	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23				2023-25				2025-27			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
State Conservation Commission	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	.2	41,300	41,300	41,300	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.2	41,300	41,300	41,300	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
State Conservation Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2021-23			2023-25			2025-27		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 2051 S HB	Title: Agricultural disaster assist	Agency: 471-State Conservation Commission
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Part I: Estimates

☒ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact . Factors impacting the precision of these estimates , and alternate ranges (if appropriate) , are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

The Substitute HB 2051 removed \$600,000 in funding available through June 30, 2022 to implement the agricultural disaster assistance program. The remaining language remains the same as the original bill.

The bill establishes a grant program to initially provide short-term financial assistance to farmers and ranchers in the aftermath of the Whatcom county flooding that occurred in November 2021, that can be replicated in future natural disasters, and to ensure farmers and ranchers are made aware of federal disaster assistance programs and how to access them.

The State Conservation Commission subject to availability of funding, in cooperation with local conservation districts, will develop and implement a short-term disaster recovery financial assistance program for farmers and ranchers. The program must initially address providing short-term funding to farmers and ranchers that sustained physical damage or economic loss due to the major flooding event that occurred in Whatcom county during November 2021.

Grants will be provided to eligible farmers and ranchers. Grant funds may be used for payroll, utilities and rent, marketing and advertising, building improvements or repairs, replacing damaged or lost crops, livestock, and equipment, and other operations and business expenses.

To be eligible to apply for a grant a farmer or rancher must provide documentation of a reduction in agricultural income or activity as a result of a natural disaster such as a flood, earthquake, or wildfire.

The Commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

The original bill proposed \$600,000 in grants to Whatcom conservation district for disaster assistance projects. If this amount is appropriated to the Commission for this purpose, the Commission anticipates using existing resources to allocate the funds with no additional costs to the agency. If more funding is allocated, additional FTE costs may be incurred to cover administrative services to allocate the funding. These costs are unknown at this time until a dollar figure is identified.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation . Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2051 S HB	Title: Agricultural disaster assist	Agency: 495-Department of Agriculture
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Part I: Estimates

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No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	41,300	41,300	0	0
Total \$	0	41,300	41,300	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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OFM Review: Jim Cahill	Phone: (360) 790-2630	Date: 02/17/2022

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency .

Substitute House Bill 2051 Provides short-term disaster recovery financial assistance to agricultural producers by way of establishing a grant program within the state conservation commission.

Section 2 (4) this bill requests Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to assist the WA State Conservation Commission (WSCC) with outreach to help implement a short-term disaster recovery assistance program for farmers and ranchers. Implementation of this recovery grant program will primarily be from the WA State Conservation Commission (WSCC). WSDA assistance for this program will require staff time to complete outreach goals.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates . Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions .

This proposed legislation has no cash receipt impact to the WSDA.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

WSDA's fiscal note for HB 2051 did not include anticipated expenditure impact for the Natural Resource Assessment Section Program (NRAS). The estimated fiscal impact As outlined in new Sec 2, part (4) WSDA will assist in outreach for the disaster assistance grant program. This will require a full time temporary environmental technician for the duration of four months. This outreach technician will work with WSCC and Whatcom CD staff to identify and perform outreach to impacted farmers and ranchers. This may require some travel.

- Would require 0.4 FTE of Environment Technician
- Motor pool: \$350/month = \$1750.00
- Travel: \$155/day X 10 days= \$1550.00

Agency Administrative Overhead (payroll, HR, IT and Financial) is calculated at the agency indirect rate of 24.6% of direct program salaries and benefits.

Debt Service is computer leasing calculated at \$600 per year per person shown as object P.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
001-1	General Fund	State	0	41,300	41,300	0	0
Total \$			0	41,300	41,300	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE Staff Years		0.4	0.2		
A-Salaries and Wages		16,900	16,900		
B-Employee Benefits		9,400	9,400		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		4,900	4,900		
G-Travel		3,300	3,300		
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service		300	300		
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-Agency Admin Overhead		6,500	6,500		
Total \$	0	41,300	41,300	0	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation . Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Environmental Technician	40,440		0.4	0.2		
Total FTEs			0.4	0.2		0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation . Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

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Part I: Jurisdiction—Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☐ Counties:
- ☒ Special Districts: Washington's 45 local conservation districts shall coordinate with the Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission to conduct outreach
- ☐ Specific jurisdictions only:
- ☐ Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- ☒ No fiscal impacts.
- ☐ Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- ☐ Legislation provides local option:
- ☐ Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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OFM Review: Jim Cahill	Phone: (360) 790-2630	Date: 02/11/2022

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Provide a clear, succinct description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government .

CHANGES FROM PRIOR BILL VERSION:

The substitute removes the appropriation of \$600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, from the general fund to the state conservation commission for the purposes of this act. This change does not create fiscal impacts for local governments.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL:

Sec. 2 adds a new section to RCW 89.08. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the State Conservation Commission, in cooperation with local conservation districts, must develop and implement a short-term disaster recovery financial assistance program for farmers and ranchers. The program must initially address providing short-term funding to farmers and ranchers that sustained physical damage or economic loss due to the major flooding event that occurred in Whatcom County during November 2021.

The Commission must coordinate with the Department of Agriculture and local conservation districts in conducting outreach to farmers and ranchers in order to increase awareness and understanding of the disaster recovery financial assistance program, and to ensure that farmers and ranchers are aware of other disaster relief assistance available through the state and federal government.

Sec. 3 creates a new section. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Briefly describe and quantify the expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments , identifying the expenditure provisions by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineate between city, county and special district impacts.

The legislation would have no expenditure impacts for local government. The assistance with outreach required by the bill would be within the existing job and volunteer duties of local conservation districts.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Briefly describe and quantify the revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments , identifying the revenue provisions by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineate between city, county and special district impacts.

The legislation would have no revenue impacts for local government.