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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Donovan; Sonnenberg	**Bill Status:**	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic:	**MEAT PROCESSING GRANT & LOAN ASSISTANCE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	☐ State Revenue	☐ TABOR Refund	
	☒ State Expenditure	☐ Local Government	
	☐ State Transfer	☐ Statutory Public Entity	
	This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to hire an employee or engage a contractor to help small meat processors and people trying to start a small meat processing business apply for grants and loans offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and other entities. The bill increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2022-23 and ending in FY 2023-24.		
Appropriation Summary:	For FY 2022-23, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of $62,885 to the Department of Agriculture.		
Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.		

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-209**

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	$62,885	$61,621
	Centrally Appropriated	$26,824	$28,008
	Total Expenditures	**$89,709**	**$89,629**
	Total FTE	**0.9 FTE**	**1.0 FTE**
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	$9,433	$9,243

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to hire an employee or engage a contractor to help small meat processors and people trying to start a small meat processing business apply for and obtain grants and loans offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other entities. The employee or contractor may also assist agricultural producers and businesses in applying for grants from the USDA and other entities. The grant and loan assistance program is repealed July 1, 2024.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Agriculture by $89,709 in FY 2022-23 and $89,629 in FY 2023-24 from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-209

		FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Agriculture			
Personal Services		$54,295	$59,231
Operating Expenses		$1,350	$1,350
Capital Outlay Costs		$6,200	-
Mileage		$1,040	$1,040
Centrally Appropriated Costs[1]		$26,824	$28,008
	Total Cost	**$89,709**	**$89,629**
	Total FTE	**0.9 FTE**	**1.0 FTE**

[1] *Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.*

Department of Agriculture. The department will hire a grants specialist to provide grant writing services and support to small meat processors or those seeking to start a meat processing business. Expenditures include mileage for 2,000 miles per year, as well as standard operating expenses and capital outlay. Personal services costs are adjusted for the General Fund paydate shift.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

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Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts show in Table 1, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect June 8, 2022.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of $62,885 to the Department of Agriculture and 0.9 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

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