

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1946 - SB 1934

February 2, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that the Commissioner of Agriculture has authority to regulate seed in Tennessee except as otherwise specifically provided for by state law. Requires the Commissioner to maintain a comprehensive scheme for regulating seed which is to be uniform and applicable throughout the state. Establishes that the Commissioner has sole authority to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, or movement of agricultural seeds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department will regulate seed in Tennessee using existing resources within the department.
- According to the Department, clarifying that the Department's requirements regarding the sale of seeds in Tennessee preempt any different requirements that may be set by local jurisdictions will prevent any future complication in enforcing state seed laws and rules and will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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