

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 2583 - SB 2550

March 1, 2020

CORRECTED SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 12-member advisory task force of farmers and foresters to lead a strategic planning process and resulting implementation plan to position this state as a leading hub for agtech and value-added agriculture. The task force will be attached to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) for administrative purposes.

Authorizes the task force to create a scope of work and issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a third-party consulting firm to develop a statewide strategy for agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship led by the farming community. Authorizes the task force to call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance. Limits the number of meetings of the task force to three scheduled meetings. Requires the task force to hold public meetings and utilize technological means such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its recommendations. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2021. Members of the task force serve without compensation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 19, 2020, a fiscal note was issued estimating the following fiscal impact:

Increase State Expenditures – \$4,000/FY20-21

After further consideration, it was determined that this fiscal impact was in error. As a result, the estimated fiscal impact has been corrected as follows:

(CORRECTED)

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$54,000/FY20-21

Corrected Assumptions:

- It is assumed that there will be three meetings of the task force, one to be held in each of the three great divisions of the state.
- Meetings will be held at public venues that are estimated to be donated to the purpose of the task force.
- No legislative members will serve on the task force.
- Members of the task force will not receive compensation; however, it is assumed that all members will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Such reimbursement will equal \$0.47

per mile roundtrip; the average miles traveled per member is estimate to be 234 miles roundtrip.

- An in state expenditures in FY20-21 is estimated to be \$3,959 [(12 members x \$0.47 per mile x 234 miles) x 3 meetings].
- The task force will issue an RFP for a third-party consulting group to aid in developing a statewide strategy.
- Any cost to enter into a contract consequent to such RFP is unknown, but is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000.
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 is estimated to exceed \$53,959 (\$3,959 + \$50,000).
- Any increase in state expenditures for DOA associated with administration of the task force is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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