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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7292

BILL NUMBER: HB 1557

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2023

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inventory of Lost Farmland.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Culp

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill directs the State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to conduct an inventory of farmland lost in Indiana from 2010 to 2022.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require a one-time workload increase for the ISDA to create an inventory report on Indiana farmland and what the causes were for the loss of farmland. The ISDA had 15 vacant positions worth approximately \$854,000 in salary as of December 2, 2022. It is likely ISDA could hire or temporarily reassign existing personnel to research and prepare the required report within existing resource levels.

It is likely the ISDA could access the necessary parcels data from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). This is public accessible data and would be routine for the DLGF to provide access for the ISDA.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Agriculture; Department of Local Government Finance.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Staffing Data Report, December 2, 2022.

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