

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7028**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1355

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2026

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Confined Feeding Operations.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Culp

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Niemeyer

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) must refund the application fee in certain circumstances. It provides that certain Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs) do not need to use certain equipment for solid manure produced by livestock. It prohibits IDEM from requiring an existing permit holder, who is applying to expand an operation, to update a previously approved facility or structure. It requires IDEM to: (1) designate an employee as the point of contact for information on CFO applications; and (2) distribute the contact information of the designated employee to all operating CFOs. It also defines when certain CFOs are considered a permitted use.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill's requirements regarding pre-application meetings, CFO permit requirements, and designating a point of contact for CFO applicants will increase workload for IDEM, but should be able to be implemented using existing staffing and resources.

**Additional Information:** There are currently 1,615 CFOs permitted in Indiana. IDEM's CFO permitting operations divide the state into four regions. Each region has a Permit Manager responsible for handling all permit applications in their region, including renewals, transfers, facility changes, and construction approvals.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill requires, if IDEM does not make a determination on a CFO permit application within 90 days, that IDEM refund the application fee of \$175 but continue working to make a determination on the application. Permit application fees are deposited into the dedicated Environmental Management Permit Operation Fund. Any resulting reduction in fee revenue will depend on administrative action.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Alex Goodnight, IDEM; [www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/about\\_fees\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/about_fees_schedule.pdf).

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