STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23846

This bill appropriates \$36,465,500 to the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2016 and limits the number of authorized full-time positions to 196.05. It provides funding for increased health insurance costs, replacement items, and a reduction in statewide cost allocation. This bill includes an ongoing 3% merit-based increase in employee compensation for permanent employees to be distributed at the discretion of agency heads.

This bill includes funding for seven line items as follow: \$151,400 and two positions for the rangeland monitoring program, \$84,900 and one position for a human resource supervisor, \$73,400 and one position for a microbiologist for the dairy laboratory, \$56,600 and one position for a dairy program records specialist, \$145,400 for additional personnel and operating support for the weights and measures program, \$59,000 and one position for a specialty crop grant coordinator, and \$21,200 for additional animal damage control support.

The budget is a 3.3% increase in the General Fund and a 1.1% increase in all funds over the FY 2015 original appropriation.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2015 Original Appropriation	190.05	7,791,200	22,515,100	5,769,900	36,076,200
Deficiency Warrants	0.00	389,400	0	0	389,400
Cash Transfers	0.00	(389,400)	0	0	(389,400)
FY 2015 Total Appropriation	190.05	7,791,200	22,515,100	5,769,900	36,076,200
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	55,000	55,000
FY 2015 Estimated Expenditures	190.05	7,791,200	22,515,100	5,824,900	36,131,200
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(37,800)	(1,342,800)	(96,700)	(1,477,300)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	(40,000)	(75,000)	(115,000)
FY 2016 Base	190.05	7,753,400	21,132,300	5,653,200	34,538,900
Benefit Costs	0.00	38,400	79,400	3,400	121,200
Replacement Items	0.00	0	832,000	14,400	846,400
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(3,500)	(16,100)	0	(19,600)
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	110,100	239,100	37,500	386,700
FY 2016 Program Maintenance	190.05	7,898,400	22,266,700	5,708,500	35,873,600
1. Rangeland Monitoring Program	2.00	94,600	56,800	0	151,400
2. Human Resource Unit Supervisor	1.00	35,600	49,300	0	84,900
3. Dairy Laboratory Microbiologist	1.00	0	73,400	0	73,400
4. Dairy Program Records Specialist	1.00	0	56,600	0	56,600
5. Weights and Measures Program	0.00	0	145,400	0	145,400
6. Specialty Crop Grant Coordinator	1.00	0	0	59,000	59,000
7. Animal Damage Control	0.00	21,200	0	0	21,200
FY 2016 Total	196.05	8,049,800	22,648,200	5,767,500	36,465,500

Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp	6.00	258,600	133,100	(2,400)	389,300
% Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp.	3.2%	3.3%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%



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