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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 532
Committee: House Agriculture
Date: March 8, 2011
Staff: Lew Olson (1-3096)
Ranking Member: Representative Sweeney

Repeal & Recision of Dormant IDALS Programs & Provisions

House File proposes to repeal and eliminate several Code chapters and programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) to administer and enforce a number of programs that were cited by the state Auditor as departmental non-performance. These include statutory provisions relating to: the Organic Nutrient Management program (Code section 161C.5, and 161C.6); the obligation of IDALS to conduct examination of dry-bulk animal nutrient product to determine whether it is in compliance with the Dry-Bulk Animal Nutrient Product Chapter provisions (Code Chapter 200A); repeal of Agrichemical Remediation Code chapter (161) and DNR reference to that program in 455.601; striking of provision to require licensed swine feeder pig dealers be issued a identification card; and shifts to the Executive Council any remaining funds that might be allocated pursuant to what existed in a contract between the agrichemical remediation board and claimants.

The bill was considered and passed (as House File 355, which became HF 532) by the House Agriculture Committee Monday, February 28, 2011, by a unanimous 22-aye vote

Summary of Action

The House Agriculture Committee **PASSED** HF 532 on February 28, 2010 by a 22-0 vote.

Section by Section Analysis

Sections 1 – Repeal of Organic Nutrient Management Program & Fund

Section 2—Transfer of Remaining Organic Nutrient Management Fund Moneys (~\$20) to IDAL Soil Conservation Operations

Section 3—IDALS Responsibility to Examine Dry-Bulk Manure for Compliance with Dry-Bulk Manure Code Provisions

Section 4—Elimination of DNR Code section Reference (455B.601) to Agrichemical Remediation Chapter that is being Repealed by section 6 of this bill

Section 5—Executive Council Assumes Payment of Outstanding Agrichemical Remediation Claims Already Agreed to by Agrichemical Remediation Board Prior to Repeal of that Chapter from General Fund

Section 6—Repeals Agrichemical Remediation Code Chapter (161)

Section 7—Removes Requirement that Swine Feeder pig Dealers be Issued Identification Cards by IDALS

Amendments

None Filed at this Time