

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 9, 2008  
**POSITION:** Oppose  
**SPONSOR:** Author

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1466  
**AUTHOR:** E. Corbett

**BILL SUMMARY: Citrus Nursery: Stock Pest Cleanliness Program**

This bill would require the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to develop, establish, and administer the Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program by January 1, 2010. This bill would require CDFA to hold fact finding meetings by July 31, 2009, throughout the state to receive and consider information from interested parties in developing the program. This bill would also specify what components the program must include.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The CDFA indicates that this bill would cost the department at least \$100,000 to administer this new program and that the source of funding is unclear. This bill specifies that the program must reimburse the CDFA for any services and costs associated with their administration of the program, but lacks detail about where fees would come from to fund the new program and the resulting reimbursements to the department.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it is too vague and lacks detail about where fees would come from to fund this new program and the resulting reimbursements to the CDFA. Although the intent of the bill may be to reimburse the CDFA for any costs incurred as a result of the administration of the program, the CDFA would have to pay administration costs upfront and wait for reimbursements, which could put them at a disadvantage if there were any significant delay in reimbursements. This may put other established CDFA programs at risk for funding shortfalls.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP	2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010		
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC			
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No		----- See Fiscal Summary -----					001

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