

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 11, 2009
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers

BILL NUMBER: SB 140
AUTHOR: E. Corbett

BILL SUMMARY: Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program

This bill, an urgency measure, would require the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to develop, establish, and administer the Citrus Nursery Stock Pest Cleanliness Program (Program) to protect nursery source propagative trees from harmful diseases, pests, and other risks and threats.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill specifies that the Secretary of CDFA (Secretary) shall establish rates or prices (assessments) to cover the costs for the administration, testing, inspection, and other services required by the Program.

The CDFA indicates that it would cost the department at least \$350,000 annually to administer the mandatory Program. The nursery industry has expressed its intent to expand the scope of testing.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill since any additional costs resulting from the additional workload for the CDFA would be funded from the new industry assessment.

Existing law authorizes the CDFA to provide for periodic inspections of nurseries and prescribe standards of cleanliness for nursery stock which is produced or sold in the state.

This bill would cost the CDFA at least \$350,000 (an increase of \$250,000) to administer the new Program; however, the bill provides for a cost recovery mechanism by allowing the Secretary to establish assessments on industry to cover costs.

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	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----			0111
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0111	Department of Agriculture Account, Ag Fd								