

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject					
Family farm protection package					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, the Department of Justice is required to issue a report to the legislature. The department is required to:

- (a) Assess its capacity to enforce antitrust and unfair business practice laws as they relate to agriculture.
- (b) Review and assess efforts in other states to deal with antitrust and unfair business practices in agriculture.
- (c) Determine what efforts would be appropriate in this state to deal with antitrust and unfair business practices in agriculture and how the department could become aware of complaints in these areas.
- (d) Determine the staff, funding, and legal authority that the department would need to implement the efforts under paragraph (c).
- (e) No later than June 30, 2003, report the results of its assessments and determinations under paragraphs (a) to (d) to the legislature, in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes.

The department estimates that such a study will require approximately 40 hours of work. It is possible for that effort to be absorbed within the existing staff efforts.

The consumer protection efforts would be routinely shared with DATCP. The department does not anticipate that this will dramatically increase the amount of referrals for prosecution from DATCP.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications