

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 1/2/2018

LRB Number	17-4649/1	Introduction Number	SB-561	Estimate Type	Original
Description programs to promote and support urban farming					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to develop and promote programs to support urban farming, in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Institute for Urban Agriculture and Nutrition, or program affiliates and organizations.

DATCP expects approximately 1,248 hours of additional staff time annually are needed to develop, administer, and promote a program to support urban farming in Wisconsin. Current allocations of staff and resources within DATCP's Division of Agricultural Development are insufficient to absorb the proposed program.

Therefore, DATCP estimates needing a 0.60 FTE Agricultural Program Specialist Senior position to develop and administer the program. The estimated annual salary and fringe costs for the position would be \$51,500. Additional program costs include trainings and conferences as well as travel costs throughout the state in addition to supplies and services costs for the position. Further, additional ongoing costs of necessary administrative support functions will also be incurred. Additional costs relating to Public Information Officer (PIO) staff time assisting with marketing and promoting the program on the internet, as well as printing and mailing costs, will be incurred. DATCP also anticipates future administrative costs associated with the program's administrative rules development.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications