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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-0311  
**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Status:** Bill Request  
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**Bill Topic:** **DEVELOP A STATEWIDE ORGANICS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Summary of  
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment to collaborate with the Commissioner of Agriculture to develop an organics management plan. This bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 and workload through FY 2022-23.

**Appropriation  
Summary:**

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:**

The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Zero Waste and Recycling Interim Study Committee.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 3**

		<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>FY 2021-22</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	Cash Funds	\$150,000	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to collaborate with the Commissioner of Agriculture to develop an organics management plan by September 1, 2022. The plan must involve stakeholders and include the following components:

- a statewide end-market survey to examine the costs, revenues, and greenhouse gas impacts associated with current end uses for the major categories of organic waste feedstock generated within the state;
- a statewide survey of existing organic waste generation facilities and processing capacity;
- a statewide organics management study to examine and address the need for organics processing infrastructure expansion and increased compost utilization by various end users including for agricultural purposes; and
- recommendations on how to increase the end-market demand and utilization of compost from various feedstocks.

On or before February 1, 2023, the executive director and the commissioner are required to submit a report summarizing the organics management plan to the House Energy and Environment Committee and the Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Transportation and Energy Committee, as well as publish the report on the CDPHE website. The bill repeals September 1, 2023.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill will increase cash fund expenditures by \$150,000 in FY 2020-21 for CDPHE from the Solid Waste Management Fund. This cost is to contract for the study required by the bill and is comparable to other recently completed studies and plans contracted by the Solid Waste Program. The program and the Department of Agriculture will also have increases in workload through FY 2022-23 to develop the study and organics management plan. This workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2020-21, the CDPHE requires an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Solid Waste Management Fund.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Agriculture	Counties	Information Technology
Municipalities	Personnel	Public Health and Environment