



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 580

PRINTER'S NO. 1456

PRIME SPONSOR: Kinsey

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: HB 580 PN 1456 establishes the Pennsylvania Fresh Food Financing Initiative. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The bill creates Chapter 121 (Fresh Food Financing Initiative) within Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

The program shall be administered and developed by the Department of Agriculture (PDA), which may collaborate with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to promote local agricultural products by placing priority on projects producing, aggregating, sourcing, or selling Pennsylvania agricultural commodities, including the department's Pennsylvania Preferred® program, that:

- Are located in, owned by, or primarily serve Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Eligibility shall be determined by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania's municipal data;
- Promote supplier diversity and increase business opportunities for businesses recognized by the Department of General Services as verified as a small diverse business or a small veteran business; or
- Are located in or serve a USDA-designated food desert.

The department shall make grants available in three separate classes including regional anchor supermarkets, grocery stores, and retail food establishments.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of the enactment of this legislation depends on the amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the grant program. The bill does not contain an appropriation, so it anticipates funding being allocated by the state budget and deposited into a restricted account created for the purpose of the program. Up to ten percent of the amount appropriated for the grant program can be used for administrative costs by the Department of Agriculture.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.