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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6349

BILL NUMBER: HB 1488

DATE PREPARED: Nov 16, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: DNR nursery stock inspection.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to make an annual inspection of plant nurseries that import stock into and export stock from Indiana. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology is currently responsible for the annual inspection of approximately 700 nurseries statewide. An estimated 100 of these nurseries are small and grow only perennials for sale at markets, roadside stands, etc. The Division reports that these nurseries present a low risk of pest problems, and this bill would allow the Division to concentrate their limited resources on higher-risk nurseries that import and export outside of Indiana.

Explanation of State Revenues: This proposal would result in a minor reduction in revenue. A \$20 fee is assessed for each nursery inspected by the Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, and an additional \$1.50 fee per acre inspected is also assessed. As the smaller nurseries affected by this bill are typically one acre or less in size, the lost revenue per nursery would be \$21.50 (\$20 inspection fee + \$1.50 per acre fee). There are about 100 nurseries which do not import or export outside of the state, so the estimated annual revenue loss would be \$2,150 (100 nurseries multiplied by \$21.50). These fees would have been deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

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