

SB 97-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2017 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***97-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to funding the New Hampshire agricultural lands program.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. Gourgue, Straf. 25; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 17; Rep. Scruton, Straf. 12; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill appropriates money to the New Hampshire agricultural lands program.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struck through].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Appropriation. The sum of \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and
2 June 30, 2019 is hereby appropriated to the department of agriculture, markets, and food. This
3 appropriation shall be used to fund the New Hampshire agricultural lands program authorized in
4 RSA 432:18 et seq. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the
5 department of agriculture markets, and food. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said
6 sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**SB 97-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Appropriation	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill appropriates \$3,000,000 of general funds for each of the fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to the Department of Agriculture Markets and Food to fund agricultural land programs authorized by RSA 432:18 et seq. The Department states these funds would be used to pay for restrictions or easements related to APR (Acquired by Public Bodies) and necessary administrative costs such as legal services. The Department indicates the agricultural land preservation program was established in 1980, but no new funding has been received since 1990. However, the program is operational, including monitoring and stewardship activities for all ALP (Agricultural Land Preservation) easements.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food