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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6575

BILL NUMBER: HB 1203

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Invasive Species Council.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bischoff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Invasive Species Council within the Purdue University School of Agriculture. The bill staggers the initial terms of the appointed council members.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill establishes the Invasive Species Council Fund as a separate fund in the Purdue University treasury. Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from money in the fund. Money in the fund may be used to meet the expenses of administering the council.

The Invasive Species Council consists of 6 state employees and 5 members who are not state employees. Subject to the availability of money in the council fund, members who are not state or county employees are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses.

The Purdue University School of Agriculture must provide administrative assistance to the council. The increase in administrative expenses for Purdue should be minimal.

The council and the fund expire July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Revenues: The Invasive Species Council Fund consists of grants, appropriations, gifts and donations. The Purdue University treasurer must invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that

accrues from these investments must be deposited in the fund. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund.

The bill does not make an appropriation to the fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill allows staff members of local parks and recreation agencies to serve on the council. If local agencies serve on the council, the local entities would incur expenses for travel and other expenses associated with attending council meetings. The specific impact is indeterminable and will depend on the distance local members would have to travel in order to attend council meetings.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Purdue University School of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, State Veterinarian, Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology.

Local Agencies Affected:

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