
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5064 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND FARMLAND ACCESS PURPOSES.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Agriculture, within available appropriations, to establish and administer a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation by agricultural nonprofits, municipalities, groups of municipalities, municipalities in a regional interlocal agreement, or regional councils of governments.

Under the bill, grantees may use the funds to develop new farmland access and affordability programs. Grants cannot be used for any purpose that conflicts with farmland preservation.

*House Amendment "A" delays the effective date of the underlying bill by two years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2027

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/14/2025)