
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6273

AN ACT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR FARMERS WHO HAVE CROP LOSS DUE TO SIGNIFICANT ACUTE WEATHER EVENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Farmers' Crop Loss Reimbursement Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture (DoAg). DoAg must use program funds to reimburse Connecticut farmers who incur crop loss from major weather events. The bill requires DoAg to set the program's parameters and post them on the agency's website. The parameters must include, at a minimum, eligibility criteria, funding prioritization rules, maximum reimbursement amounts, the weather events that trigger reimbursement eligibility, and the reimbursement application process. The bill also requires DoAg to act on an application within 60 days after receipt.

The bill authorizes up to \$10 million in state general obligation bonds for DoAg to provide these reimbursements. The bonds are subject to standard issuance procedures and repayment requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference - FIN
Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/14/2025)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)