

PROPOSED
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2544
(Reference to printed bill)

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.
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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Laws 2024, chapter 209, section 18 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 18. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

	<u>2024-25</u>
4	
5 FTE positions	209.4 214.4
6 Operating lump sum appropriation	\$ 16,941,200
7 Agricultural employment relations	
8 board	23,300
9 Animal damage control	65,000
10 Red imported fire ant control	23,200
11 Agricultural consulting and	
12 training	<u>135,700</u>
13 Total appropriation – Arizona department	
14 of agriculture	\$ 17,188,400
15 Fund sources:	
16 State general fund	\$ 15,605,100
17 Air quality fund	1,583,300

18 <<Sec. 2. Arizona department of agriculture; brand inspectors

19 ~~The Arizona department of agriculture shall use the five additional~~
20 ~~full-time equivalent positions added pursuant to section 1 of this act to~~
21 ~~increase the number of brand inspectors employed by the department by five~~
22 ~~full-time equivalent positions. The department shall allocate the five~~
23 ~~additional full-time equivalent positions to prioritize brand inspections~~
24 ~~in Graham and Greenlee counties.>>~~

25 <<Sec. 2. Appropriations; Arizona department of agriculture;

26 intent

27 [A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
28 2025-2026, the sum of \$957,175 and five full-time equivalent positions are

1 appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the
2 Arizona department of agriculture for:
3 1. Three livestock inspectors.
4 2. One veterinary assistant.
5 3. One veterinary technician.
6 B. The legislature intends that \$532,725 and five full-time
7 equivalent portions of the appropriations made in subsection A of this
8 section be considered ongoing funding in future years.]]>>

9 Enroll and engross to conform
10 Amend title to conform

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