



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1310

agricultural workforce program; apprentices; appropriation

Purpose

Appropriates \$500,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) each fiscal year to the University of Arizona (UA) Cooperative Extension Office (Office) to implement the Agricultural Workforce Development Program (Program).

Background

The UA, along with the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), administers the Office. The Director of the Office must submit a report each year to ABOR outlining Office activities for the upcoming year and, once approved, ABOR must create a budget outline, including each county's share of the cost for the Office work. A county board of supervisors (BOS) must appoint seven members to a County Agricultural Extension Board (county AEB) for the approval of the ABOR budget. Upon approval of the budget, a county AEB must send the budget report to the county BOS to add to the county tax roll. The Office funding includes federal, state and county appropriations (A.R.S. §§ [3-122](#); [3-125](#); [3-126](#); and [3-127](#); [UA](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state GF associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$500,000 from the state GF each fiscal year to the Office to implement the Program.
2. Removes the condition of a legislative appropriation for the Office to reimburse a participating food-producing agricultural organization for up to the amount of the actual cost to employ an apprentice.
3. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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