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sSB-120

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS ON GOLF COURSES AND NEONICOTINOIDS FOR NONAGRICULTURAL USE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	170,028	163,731
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	68,912	66,360

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits: (1) using chlorpyrifos on golf courses or for cosmetic or nonagricultural uses and (2) selling, possessing, or using pesticides containing neonicotinoids under certain conditions.

The bill expands the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) enforcement authority to both bans. This would result in costs of \$170,028 in FY 23 and \$163,731 in FY 24, plus fringe benefits, associated with hiring two new Environmental Analyst 2 positions and one Office Assistant to enforce the new pesticide ban as there is currently insufficient staff expertise within DEEP for this purpose, due to retirements.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing costs identified above would continue into the outyears subject to inflation. It should also be noted that that a ban on the use of neonicotinoids, currently used to treat certain invasive insects on trees may result in significant costs in the outyears associated with tree restoration on state lands.