

1999 SENATE AGRICULTURE
SB 2423

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2423

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2/4/99

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1	X		0-1667
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Tricia Johnson</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Klein called the meeting to order roll call was taken, 3 members were absent.

Senator Klein opened the hearing on SB 2423.

Senator O'Connell introduced the bill. Protect generic form of seed. Wanted Iowa's bill introduced but couldn't be done. Trying to protect the ready roundup seeds that are coming up. Need to protect people who have done the research. May need some amendments.

Bill Kuntz from the State Seed Department spoke in favor of the bill. Under the current situation this is best in the state seed department because this legislation is already there.

Senator Wanzek: Would this require them to know the quality of seed and what kind of seed they are cleaning?

Bill Kuntz: There is a form called an indemnity form that seed conditioning plants use to try and protect themselves.

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Senator Wanzek: That would allow to minimize concern?

Bill Kuntz: That's correct.

Senator Wanzek: This would require mostly those people who are just conditioning common seed, not conditioning certified seed.

Bill Kuntz: Right.

Senator Wanzek: Your amendments are going to remove the necessity to file with the Ag. Commissioner.

Bill Kuntz: The amendment would be to license by the seed department instead of the Ag. Commissioner.

Senator Sand: I am assuming the seed include potatoes, lentils, beans and so forth.

Bill Kuntz: Not include potato, but it would include every other crop.

Senator Kinnoin: Is there a bond requirement for these seed conditioners to carry?

Bill Kuntz: Not unless they are handling grain for market.

Carter Berg from Center spoke. Asked does Monsanto already have a licensing agreement with farmers that grow the roundup ready type products. Do we need to add another level of bureaucracy.

Bill Kuntz answered. Within the process of producing for Monsanto there is a licensing requirement.

Senator Klein: Is this creating another level of bureaucracy?

Bill Kuntz: It would require a license so yes that would.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing on the bill.

Senator Wanzek reopened the hearing on the bill.

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Senator Sand: How many licensed plants are there in ND?

Bill Kuntz: We presently have over 140 approved seed conditioning plants and 120 applications that are coming in now, another 10 mobile mills.

Senator Sand: You implied there are only 10 or 14 mobile mills that aren't registered.

Bill Kuntz: Right.

Senator Sand: I think there are more mobile plants than you imply.

Bill Kuntz: We work with a number of them.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing on SB 2423.

FEBRUARY 11, 1999

Discussion was held on SB 2423.

Senator Sand made the motion for a Do Not Pass.

Senator Urlacher seconded.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yes, 0 No

CARRIER: Senator Urlacher

FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 10 copies)

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2423 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-27-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts. Please provide breakdowns, if appropriate, showing salaries and wages, operating expenses, equipment, or other details to assist in the budget process. In a word processing format, add lines or space as needed or attach a supplemental sheet to adequately address the fiscal impact of the measure.

Narrative: This fiscal note assumes that approximately 200 individuals would be licensed as a result of this legislation. This fiscal note further assumes that a fee of \$40 would be imposed by rule.

2. **State** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues			\$8,000			
Expenditures			\$8,000			

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: \$0
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: \$0 (\$0)
(Indicate the portion of this amount included in the 1999-2001 executive budget:)
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: \$0

4. **County, city, and school district** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

Signed: _____
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 Department: Agriculture
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 Date Prepared: 2-2-99

Date: 2/11
Roll Call Vote #: (

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Agriculture Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Sand Seconded By Urlacher

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Sand	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				
Senator Kinnoin	✓				
Senator Kroeplin	✓				
Senator Mathern	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Urlacher

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 11, 1999 5:27 p.m.

Module No: SR-28-2635
Carrier: Urlacher
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2423: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS**
(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2423 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.