

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Landgraf Sen. Baumgardner	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE LOTS OVER WHICH A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS AUTHORITY FOR WEED REMOVAL.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a county may only compel the removal of brush and weeds from residential lots less than 2.5 acres. This bill removes these limitations, and allows a county to compel the removal of brush and weeds from any lot, except one that is currently in agricultural use. A county may not compel the removal of weeds and brush from a residential lot if a mortgage or deed of trust is currently foreclosed upon.

Local Government Impact

The bill's overall effect on county governments is minimal. The bill increases the number of lots a county may identify for weed and brush removal. Counties charge a fee when a property owner fails to comply with a removal order, including fees for inspection and other incidental costs. Any increased administrative cost to perform additional work is offset by this fee revenue.

Departments Contacted

Agriculture Counties Local Affairs