

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 13-0860	<b>Date:</b> June 25, 2013
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Sonnenberg Sen. Tochtrop	<b>Bill Status:</b> Signed into Law
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY POWERS TO MAINTAIN THE LANDSCAPE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 17, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, county commissioners are authorized to license and employ a county pest inspector. The bill:

- increases the license renewal period from two to three years;
- raises from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the cap on how much a landowner may be charged to reimburse county expenses for pest mitigation on the landowner's private property;
- prohibits a county from compelling pest mitigation on private property without first applying the same or greater management measures to county-owned land adjacent to the private property;
- prohibits a county pest inspector from suing a landowner or occupant for personal injury or property damage unless the injury or damage was willful; and
- permits a county to place a lien on property if the county's claim for reimbursement for pest mitigation is unpaid.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill increases the amount a county can be reimbursed for pest mitigation on private land, and may create administrative efficiencies in counties that currently separate pest mitigation and rodent control efforts.

**Departments Contacted**

Agriculture  
Natural Resources

Local Affairs  
Public Health & Environment