

Introduced by Senator De LeónFebruary 14, 2014

An act to amend Section 5918 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pest control.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1018, as introduced, De León. Pest control: citrus disease prevention: expenditure reimbursement.

Existing law creates in the Department of Food and Agriculture the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Committee and provides for its continuation, and that of the California Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program, every 4 years subject to a referendum of the citrus producers on or before June 30, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter. Pursuant to this referendum the department has extended the citrus pest and disease prevention program for an additional 4 years.

Existing law requires the committee to reimburse the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for all expenditures incurred by the secretary in carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to the citrus pest and disease prevention program, including the costs of implementing and administering the administrative, enforcement, and regulatory recommendations of the statewide work plan developed by the committee.

This bill would require that all expenditures be reasonable and that expenditures charged by the department not exceed a total of 14% of the assessments collected pursuant to the citrus pest and disease prevention program, unless the committee is notified and approves of the additional expense.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5918 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:

3 5918. (a) The committee shall reimburse the secretary for all
4 *reasonable* expenditures incurred by the secretary in carrying out
5 his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to this article,
6 including the costs of implementing and administering the
7 administrative, enforcement, and regulatory recommendations of
8 the statewide work plan developed by the committee.

9 (b) *Expenditures charged by the department shall not exceed a*
10 *total of 14 percent of the assessments collected pursuant to this*
11 *article, unless the committee is notified and approves of the*
12 *additional expense.*

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