

**Performance Note HB0224 - Pollinator Amendments** Sponsor: Rep. Matthews, Ashlee



Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of the new three-year pollinator pilot program is to address issues related to pollinators through education, distribution of forbs, coordination with local programs, and by providing grant funding.

Services: The legislation asks DNR to implement a public education program that may include workshops, planting guides, and a public information campaign. In addition, DNR may distribute pollinator friendly forbs for planting, coordinate with local governments and non-profit pollinator programs, and distribute grants for the above purposes.

Expected Outcome: The legislation specifically identifies the purpose is to raise awareness about creating pollinator habitats. In addition to raising awareness, DNR would issue grants that may go toward improving or increasing pollinator habitats.

Implementations and Resources: The bill would take effect on July 1, 2021. We would anticipate full implementation would take effect by the end of calendar year 2021 after hiring a person to oversee the program and put in place the processes and rules needed to administer the programs for education and granting of funds.

How: The proposed activities will cause increased awareness of pollinators and the importance of the habitats they rely on.

Performance Measures

## Goal

Title: Increase awareness of pollinators and their habitats through education.

Description: Number of workshops held and/or public information campaigns.

Collection Method: The information will be collected by the new program administrator who will ensure reliability of the numbers.

|          | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Target   | 0.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Baseline | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Goal

Title: Amount of grant funds distributed for qualifying pollinator projects.

Description: The legislation asks DNR to distribute up to \$250,000 in grants to pollinator projects.

Collection Method: The information will be collected by the new program administrator through the accounting staff to ensure reliability.

|          | 2021 | 2022      | 2023      |
|----------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Target   | 0.00 | 250000.00 | 250000.00 |
| Baseline | 0.00 | 0.00      | 0.00      |

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