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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POLICY BILLS

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The package of bills scheduled for a hearing on March 13 are all policy bills from the Department of Agriculture. Below is a brief description of each bill, including the chief bill author's name.

**S.F. 4011** (Putnam) amends the definition of sustainable aviation fuel so that in addition to being derived from biomass, it may be derived from gases derived from biomass or green electrolytic hydrogen.

**S.F. 4187** (Gustafson) amends provisions related to accounts in the agricultural fund and repeals the beverage inspection account.

**S.F. 4223** (Seeberger) provides a process for immediate cancellation of a pesticide product registration.

**S.F. 4224** (Putnam) amends provisions in the pesticide control chapter.

**Section 1** adds a definition for application or use of a pesticide.

**Section 2** adds clarifying language relating to competency standards for pesticide applicator training manuals and examinations.

**Section 3** adds a requirement that a structural pest control applicator be at least 18 years old.

**Section 4** removes the ability of the commissioner to require a practical demonstration to receive a structural pest control license.

**Section 5** adds clarifying language relating to recertification workshops for those renewing a structural pest control license.

**Section 6** adds a requirement that a commercial applicator be at least 18 years old.

**S.F. 4225** (Putnam) amends the timeframe for allocating tax credits reserved for emerging farmers.

**S.F. 4301** (Kupec) modifies provisions relating to compensation for damage caused by elk.

**Section 1** adds a definitions for approved agent, commissioner, estimated value, and owner.

**Section 2** provides more detail for filing a claim for compensation.

**Section 3** inserts a new subdivision detailing the process of investigating and determining a value for a claim.

**Section 4** details how a claim form is considered complete and how incomplete claim forms are dealt with.

**Section 5** makes clarifying changes to the compensation subdivision and states that an owner may not be compensated no more than \$1,800 each fiscal year.

**Section 6** repeals a subdivision relating to rulemaking and the associated rules.

**S.F. 4302** (Kupec) amends grain indemnity provisions.

**Section 1** modifies requirements for financial statements and requires grain buyers who purchase more than \$20 million annually to be audited by a certified public accountant.

**Section 2** allows the commissioner to designate some to act on his or her behalf.

**Section 3** amends the definition of grain.

**Section 4** amends the definition of producer.

**Section 5** amends the definition of public grain warehouse operator.

**Section 6** amends the definition of scale ticket.

**S.F. 4391** (Kupec) modifies provisions in the fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment chapter.

**Section 1** adds a definition of beneficial substance.

**Section 2** adds a definition of soil amendment.

**Section 3** updates the adoption of national standards.

**Section 4** amends the subdivision relating to packaged fertilizers to require a label to include volume in addition to weight where applicable.

**Section 5** changes phosphoric acid to phosphate in describing the values per unit for commercial indexing purposes.

**S.F. 4542** (Kunesh) modifies provisions in the pesticide control chapter.

**Section 1** amends the renewal subdivision for structural pest control applicators and allows the commissioner to require an applicator to pass a reexamination in some circumstances.

**Section 2** amends provisions relating to financial responsibility and allows the commissioner to revoke a structural pest control license if proof of financial responsibility is not provided upon request.

**Section 3** clarifies requirements relating to renewing a commercial applicator license and allows the commissioner to require an applicator to pass a reexamination in some circumstances.

**Section 4** amends provisions relating to financial responsibility and allows the commissioner to revoke a commercial applicator license if proof of financial responsibility is not provided upon request.

**Section 5** clarifies requirements relating to renewing a noncommercial applicator license and allows the commissioner to require an applicator to pass a reexamination in some circumstances.