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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Donovan; Sonnenberg	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Agriculture
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**Bill Topic:**                   **MODIFICATIONS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANT FUND**

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill continues the Conservation District Grant Fund in the Department of Agriculture indefinitely. Continuation of the fund is assumed to result in continued transfers to the fund beginning in FY 2023-24.

**Appropriation Summary:**           No appropriation is required. The Conservation District Grant Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.

**Fiscal Note Status:**               The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-195**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2022-23</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2023-24</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>		-	\$350,000
<b>Transfers</b>	Cash Funds	-	(\$450,000)
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	<b>Net Transfer</b>	-	<b>(\$0)</b>

<sup>1</sup>The fiscal note assumes that funding will be transferred to the program cash fund each year via an appropriation from the Severance Tax Operational Fund; the amount of the appropriation may be set at the discretion of the General Assembly.

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill continues the continuously appropriated Conservation District Grant Fund in the Department of Agriculture that is set to repeal December 31, 2022.

## **State Transfers**

Under current law, the Conservation District Grant Fund receives an annual appropriation of up to \$450,000 from the Severance Tax Operational Fund. The fiscal note assumes that with this bill the transfer will continue in FY 2023-24. The March 2022 Legislative Council Staff Economic Forecast indicates that the balance of the Operational Fund will be sufficient to fund the full amount of the transfer.

## **State Expenditures**

In the FY 2022-23 Long Bill, House Bill 22-1329, \$350,000 from the Conservation District Grant Fund is allocated to the Matching Grants to Districts program in the Department of Agriculture. The fiscal note assumes this allocation and associated expenditures will continue beginning in FY 2023-24 if the bill passes.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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