

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3428</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10749</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Sterling</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Attorney General: a maximum of \$490,000 annually</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3428 creates an Agricultural Theft Investigation Unit within the Office of the Attorney General to investigate violations of any statute or administrative rule of this state pertaining to theft of livestock, farming equipment and farm implements and may initiate any necessary investigation, civil action, criminal action, referral to a district attorney, or referral to any appropriate official of this or any other state or of the federal government.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 2902, upon review and with consultation from the Office of the Attorney General, is determined to have an estimated cost maximum of \$490,000 annually for the agency. This estimate is based off of the personnel and operational cost of an existing unit. The cost may vary considerably, as it depends on how many cases are dealt with per year.

According to the Attorney General: *adding an Agricultural Theft Investigative Unit would cost approximately \$490,000 and would include 1 fulltime attorney, 2 investigators and support staff, as well as associated costs for computers, furniture, supplies, training and investigative costs.*

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**Other Considerations**

None.