

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1986
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	6314
Author:	Rep. Strom
Date:	2/15/2021
Impact:	Over \$30,000,000

Research Analysis

HB1986, as introduced, requires any land owned, operated, or leased by state agencies that is used for livestock grazing, to be enclosed with a fence. The state agency must also maintain the fence.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1986 requires state lands that are leased for livestock grazing to have and maintain fences around them.

According to officials at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry HB 1986 will not create any fiscal impact for them.

According to officials at the Commissioners of the Land Office, HB 1986 in its current form will cost CLO approximately \$30,481,145 to fence in all its non-cropland that is useable for grazing animals. Fencing would cost roughly \$5,644.00 per mile, and to fence off each quarter section, 160 acres, of a 640 acre section would require 6 miles of fencing per full section. As the Ag Lease Rental revenue each year is about \$14,000,000 it would take 2 years of distributable dollars to finance building the 5,401 miles of fencing CLO would need to properly fence all its lands. CLO does note that the fencing should last between 20-50 years.

Therefore, the State's budget and appropriations will be impacted by the \$30,481,145 as CLO will need the money for fencing instead of distributing it to schools, meaning schools will likely need to turn to the State for additional funding.

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Other Considerations

None.