Fund to Address PFAS Contamination

$60 million fund to support producers impacted by PFAS contamination of agricultural land and water.

- **Short-term** (within 24 months of discovering PFAS): Support impacted farmers while they investigate and consider options.
- **Long-term**: Enable impacted farmers and farms to thrive in their new circumstances.
Phases of Development

1. Groundwork
   - Fund established by Governor with bipartisan legislative support
   - Director hired
   - Advisory committee formed

2. Planning
   - Advisory committee
   - Subcommittees
   - Public hearings
   - Finalize plan

3. Implementation
   - Establish internal procedures to distribute funds
   - Rulemaking?
   - Begin distributing funds

4. Review & Refine
   - Annual reports to the Legislature
   - Ongoing process

Financial and Business Support Subcommittee

Short- and long-term financial and planning assistance for farmers impacted by PFAS contamination:

- Direct financial assistance
- Infrastructure investments
- Technical assistance
- Loan guarantees
- Public relations/marketing
Land Subcommittee

Recommend strategies to:

- Purchase and sell agricultural land with known PFAS contamination
- Provide information and guidance on buying or selling agricultural lands that have had sludge or septage applied

Research Subcommittee

Refine research topics
Identify categories of support, e.g., opportunistic research, competitive research grants, experiment station
Recommend strategies to fund research that informs farm management decisions
Health Subcommittee

Recommend strategies to:
- Make PFAS blood testing accessible and affordable
- Provide for medical monitoring
- Provide access to mental health care, as well as a system of peer support

Also, consider whether:
- Blood test results should be reportable to the State
- To conduct a public health study, e.g., to determine how farmers are exposed/impacted differently from the general public

Thank you

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