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Fiscal Note

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H.167 – An act relating to establishing the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant at the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets

As recommended by the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry^{1,i}

Bill Summary

This bill establishes the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program within the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (AAFM) to support the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program operated by Vermont Foodbank, a private nonprofit organization.

Fiscal Impact

The bill appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to AAFM in fiscal year 2026 to implement the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program.

Background and Details

The following sections have a fiscal impact.

Section 2: Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program

Section 2 creates the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program within AAFM. Under this program AAFM would provide grants to Vermont Foodbank to purchase and distribute food directly from Vermont farms and offer subgrants to partner organizations to purchase products from local farms.

Section 2 would require Vermont Foodbank, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, to report annually to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry and the Senate Committee on Agriculture on the Program's implementation and administration.

Section 3: Appropriation

Section 3 appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to AAFM in fiscal year 2026 to implement the Program. Of this appropriation, AAFM may use up to \$67,500 to administer this Program.

ⁱ *The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be accessed through a bill number search on the JFO page.*

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