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House Bill 4630

Sponsor: Representative Mike Green

House Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

Senate Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4630 as passed by the House:

The bill would amend the seed certification Act to provide limited liability to an official seed certifying agency and its agents or employees and to specify circumstances under which it would be liable for injuries to persons and damages to property.

In addition, the bill would repeal a provision in the Act that requires the Director of the Department of Agriculture, upon recommendation of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and official seed certifying agencies, to publish and make available to the public a list of varieties and hybrids of agricultural or vegetable seeds or plant propagating materials eligible for certification.

Under the bill, a person would not have a cause of action against a designated official seed certifying agency or its agent or employee if the agency, agent, or employee were engaged in duties permitted by the Act, and used written and approved procedures and protocols established by the Director.

A designated official seed certifying agency, its agent, or employee would be liable for injuries to persons and damages to property under one or more of the following circumstances:

- The agency, its agent, or employee failed to follow written procedures and protocols.
- The agency, its agent, or employee improperly interpreted laboratory test results even though written procedures and protocols were followed.
- Actions taken by the agency, its agent, or employee were not within the scope of the agency's official duties.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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