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THE KISUMU COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FINANCING, BILL, 2023

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kisumu to give effect to Section 109 (2) (b) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 to establish financial management framework for defraying the operational expenses of Kisumu County Agricultural Entities and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kisumu as follows—

PART I — PRELIMINARY

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Kisumu County Agricultural Facilities Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
 - **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

Short Title

'County Government Agricultural Entity' means an entity established pursuant to Section 5 of the Public Finance Management Act and in accordance with Section 5 of this Act;

'Chief Officer' means the Chief Officer responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation and Fisheries;

'Department' means the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation;

'Entity' means the County Government Agricultural Entity;

'CEC Member' means the County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for all matters related to Agriculture, Livestockk, Fisheries and Irrigation;

'Facility Manager' means the County Government Agricultural Entity Manager appointed in accordance with Section 20 of this Act.

3. The object and purpose of this Act is to—

Objects and Purposes

- (a) give effect to Section 5 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012;
- (b) mandate County Agricultural Entities to retain money received by or on behalf of the County

Government for purposes of defraying their expenses; and

- (c) provide for the financial management procedures for accounting and use of money retained by the County Agricultural Entities.
- **4.** The Financial Management framework for defraying operational expenses of County Agricultural entities shall be guided by the values and principles of public finance set by the Constitution, relevant legislations and the following principles—

Guiding Principles of the Act

- (a) improved agricultural technologies, innovations and information shall be available, accessible, acceptable, affordable and of good quality and standard to County Agricultural Entities;
- (b) agricultural entities, and community agricultural projects shall be well funded to offer quality training, promote sustainable land use and value-addition utilization of agricultural produce;
- (c) accountability, transparency and integrity shall be upheld, observed, promoted and protected in the collection, management and use of revenue generated from agricultural entities; and
- (d) revenue generated at the agricultural entities shall be considered to be additional to the budgets appropriated to the Department of Agriculture by the County Assembly.
- **5.** (1) This Act applies to all County Government Agricultural Entities with respect to—

Application of this

- (a) retention and use of revenue by the entities;
- (b) administration and management of the entities;
- (c) inventory and asset management; and
- (d) planning and policy formulation.
- (2) This Act shall prevail in case of any inconsistency between this Act and any other County legislation or County Government notices or circulars, in matters relating to financial management of the Agricultural entities except in cases where financial management procedures of the entities are governed by an Act of the County Assembly applicable for such matters.

Conflict with other Acts of the County Assembly **6.** (1) The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning shall within sixty days of commencement of this Act, with the approval of the County Assembly and by order in the *gazette* declare designated Agricultural Facilities as County Government Entities.

Establishment of Agricultural Government Facilities as County Agricultural Entities

- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (1) above, the following Agricultural Facilities shall be declared Kisumu County Government Entities;
 - (a) Maseno Agricultural Training Centre
 - (b) Agriculture Mechanization Service Stations;
 - (c) Kisumu Dairy Development Centre;
 - (d) Mamboleo Slaughter House;
 - (e) Vicin-Aqua Aquaculture Pilot Site; and
 - (f) any other agricultural facility as may be conferred on them as such pursuant to Section 5 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012
- (3) Upon commencement of this Act, the County Agricultural Entities shall be mandated to raise, retain and use moneys collected by or on behalf of the Kisumu County Government for purposes of defraying their expenses.
- (4) The County Treasury shall provide financial administrative procedures for the management of raised, retained and used moneys by the County Government Agricultural Entities.

PART II – ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL ENTITIES

County Agricultural Management Committee

- **7.** (1) There shall be established the County Agricultural Management Committee that shall provide guidance on the management and administration of County Agricultural Entities and shall operate in accordance with the procedures provided for in the 1st Schedule of this Act.
- Establishment of County Agricultural Management Committee
- 2) The County Agricultural Management Committee shall comprise of at least seven (7) Members and not more than nine (9) Members composed of—
 - (a) The Chief Officer who shall be the Chairperson for the Committee:

- (b) Director for matters Irrigation;
- (c) Director for matters Fisheries;
- (d) Director for matters related to Livestock Production;
- (e) Director for matters Veterinary Services;
- (f) Director for matters Agriculture;
- (g) Representative of the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning
- (h) Representative of the County Attorney who shall be an *ex-oficio* member; and
- (i) One Representative of the Kisumu Agricultural Sector Consultation and Cooperation Mechanism Committee (KASCOM).
- **8.** (1) The County Agricultural Entities Management Committee shall advise the CEC Member for Agriculture on any matter concerning—

Functions of the County Agricultural Management Committee

- (a) the management and administration of the County Agricultural entities, including operational, financial and administrative policies and practices;
- (b) the development of comprehensive agricultural service framework to be funded by revenue retained by County Agricultural entities;
- (c) the improvement of efficiency and performance of the Agricultural entities in terms of strategic provision of agricultural services;
- (d) the budget of the Agricultural entities;
- (e) the implementation of this Act and any other relevant legislation; and
- (f) overseeing the transition from when this legislation is enacted until the establishment of County Agricultural Entities is fully implemented.
- **9.** For purposes of Section 9 (1) of this Act, the County Agricultural Management Committee —

Powers of the County Agricultural Management Committee

(a) shall coordinate the operations of County Agricultural Entities;

- (b) shall arrange regular operational communication and meetings with Agricultural entities to discuss developments related to their administration, future directions, community expectations, resolve emerging issues and feedback;
- (c) may examine and comment on any policies, investigate, evaluate and advise on any practices and decisions of the entities or the Facility Managers Administrator related to financial administration of the entities;
- (d) is entitled to all relevant information concerning financial administration of the entities;
- (e) may require—
 - (i) the Facility Managers to submit a report concerning a matter on which the Committee shall give advice; or
 - (ii) any County Agricultural entity employee to appear before it and give explanations concerning such a matter; and
 - (iii) shall inform the CEC Member for Agriculture of any advice it gives to the entities concerning the management of the entities.

Facility Management Committee

- **10.** (1) There shall be established a Facility Management Committee for every County Government Agricultural Entity.
- Establishment of the Facility Management Committees of Management for County Government Agricultural Entities.
- (2) The Facility Management Committee shall be composed of at least five (5) and not more than seven (7) Members constituted as follows—
 - (a) chairperson appointed in accordance with Section 11 (3) and Section 12 of this Act;
 - (b) facility manager who shall be the Secretary of the Facility Management Committee and the Accounting Officer for the entity appointed in accordance with Section 20 of this Act;
 - (c) a representative of the Kisumu County Agricultural Coordination Committee

(KASCOM) from the Sub-County hosting the entity;

- (d) representative of the Youth;
- (e) representative of the people living with disabilities;
- (f) representative of the CEC Member for Agriculture; and
- (g) One other member appointed by the CEC Member for Agriculture on the basis of his/her skills from the Department who shall offer technical and policy advice to the Committee.
- (3) A person shall qualify for appointment as Chairperson and Member of the Facility Management Committee pursuant to Sub-section (2) (a) and (d) above if the person—
 - (a) is a Kenyan Citizen
 - (b) has at least bachelor's degree in any of the following fields
 - (i) financial Management;
 - (ii) engineering and technology;
 - (iii) agricultural extension; or
 - (iv) any relevant agricultural sciences.
 - (c) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution, 2010 and
 - (d) has not been a candidate for any political seat within the County in the previous five (5) years.
- 11. (1) The CEC Member shall establish a Nomination Committee to vet and recommend for appointment the Chairperson and Members of the Facility Management Committee for every County Government Agricultural Entity contemplated in section 11 (2) (a) (d) and (e) above.

Nomination and appointment of the Members of the Facility Management Committee

- (2) The Nomination Committee shall be composed of:
- (a) the Chief Officer who shall be the Chair;
- (b) at least two directors from the Department as shall be deemed relevant;

- (c) representative of the CEC Member for Finance; and
- (d) representative of the County Attorney
- (3) The tenure of the Nomination Committee shall elapse upon the completion of the Nomination process and may be convened whenever a vacancy arises.

Tenure of the Nomination Committee

12. (1) A member of the Facility Management Committee, other than an ex officio member—

Tenure of Membership of the Facility Management Committee

- (a) shall hold office on such terms and conditions including remuneration as are specified in his instrument of appointment, and for a period not exceeding three years; and
- (b) shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.
- (2) A member of the Facility Management Committee, may resign his office by written notification under his hand addressed to the CEC Member for Agriculture.
- **13.** (1) The County Executive Committee Member may, at any time, remove a member of the Facility Management Committee on the following grounds—

Removal of a Member of the Facility Management Committee

- (a) serious violation of the Constitution or any other law;
- (b) gross misconduct, whether in the performance of the member's or office holder's functions or otherwise;
- (c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of office;
- (d) incompetency; or
- (e) bankruptcy.
- (2) The Secretary of the Facility Management Committee shall notify the Chief Officer of a vacancy that occurs in the membership of the Facility Management Committee within seven days of the membership falling vacant.

Filling of vacancy of the Facility Management Committee

(3) Where the Chief Officer has been notified of a vacancy under this Section, the Chief Officer shall within seven days present to the CEC Member the notification, who shall thereafter appoint another person to fill that vacancy within seven days.

14. (1) A member of the Facility Management Committee who has a direct or indirect personal interest in a matter being considered or to be considered by the Facility Management Committee shall as soon as possible after the relevant facts concerning the matter have come to his knowledge disclose the nature of his interest to the Facility Management Committee.

Disclosure of Interest by the Chairperson and Member of the Facility Management Committee

- (2) A disclosure of interest made by a member of the Facility Management Committee under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Facility Management Committee and the member shall not unless the Facility Management Committee otherwise determines in respect of that matter—
 - (a) be present during any deliberations on the matter by the Facility Management Committee; or
 - (b) take part in the decision of the Facility Management Committee on the matter.
- (3) For the purpose of the Facility Management Committee making a determination under subsection (2) in relation to a member who has made a disclosure under subsection (1), such member shall not—
 - (a) be present during the deliberations of the Facility Management Committee nor take part in the making of such determination by the Facility Management Committee; or
 - (b) influence any other member to take part in the making of such determination by the Facility Management Committee.
- **15.** (1) The provisions of the First Schedule shall apply to the meetings of the Facility Management Committee and other matters provided for in that Schedule.

Meetings of the Facility Management Committee

- (2) The Facility Management Committee may co-opt any person to participate in its deliberations, but a person so co-opted shall have no right to vote.
- (3) The CEC Member may, by notice in the *Gazette*, amend the First Schedule.
- **16.** The Facility Management Committees of Management shall draw an allowance for every sitting done based on the recommended rates from the Salaries

Remuneration of the Facility Management Committees of Management Remuneration Commission (SRC) for Facility Management Committees of such mandates.

17. (1) The Facility Management Committees for the County Government Agricultural Entities shallFunctions of the Facility Management Committees

- advise and make recommendations to the County Agricultural Entities Management Committee on all matters related to the management of the Agricultural Entity;
- (b) communicate request for approval of utilization of moneys retained by the entity to the chief officer;
- (c) promote access and relevance of trainings and agricultural programs within the framework of the County socio-economic development plans and policies;
- (d) develop plans, and guidelines for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act;
- (e) promote standards, quality and relevance in all aspects of agricultural development within the County;
- assist in resource mobilization for the county government towards Agricultural financing;
- (g) set up a structure for industrial linkages, partnerships and collaborations.
- ensure there is incorporation of research and innovation in agricultural programs undertaken by the entity.
- 18. (1) The Chief Officer shall in carrying out the Functions of the Chief administrative mandate of the Department—

Officer in the Management and Administration of

- carry out supervision on County Agricultural County Government Entities financial operations;
- (b) provide technical backstopping to the facility improvement finance management;
- identify potential facility (c) help future improvement programs and projects
- (d) help identify relevant stakeholders involved agricultural activities.

- (e) provide monitoring and evaluation (M & E) services to the entities and;
- (f) approve expenditures to be incurred through moneys retained by the entities.
- (2) The Chief Officer shall submit a Quarterly Report to the CEC Member on the Financial and Management status of operations of the County Government Agricultural Entities who shall within twenty-one days submit the Quarterly Reports to the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning and the County Assembly for consideration.

Facility Manager for a County Government Agricultural Entity

- 19. (1) There shall be a Facility Manager for every County Government Agricultural Entity who shall be appointed by the CEC Member from among Public Officers within the Department employed under the County Public Service on such terms and conditions as are specified in his instrument of appointment.
- Establishment of the Office of the Facility Manager
- (2) The Facility Manager shall be the Accounting Officer of the Entity and, subject to the general supervision and control of the Facility Management Committee, shall be responsible—
 - (a) for the day to day operations of the Entity;
 - (b) formulation of an annual cash flow plan and forecasts of the Agricultural Entity to the CEC Member and the County Treasury in a form and manner directed by CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning, and shall send a copy to the Controller of Budget.
 - (c) for the management of funds, property and affairs of the Entity;
 - (d) for the administration, organization and control of the staff of the Entity; and
 - (e) Inventory and asset management of the entity.
- (3) The CEC Member may, after consultation with the Facility Management Committee, terminate the appointment of the Facility Manager for—

- (a) misbehavior in terms of the code of conduct and discipline prescribed under Chapter Six of the Constitution, 2010;
- (b) the Facility Manager's inability to perform the functions of his office by reason of mental or physical infirmity; or
- (c) any other sufficient cause.
- (4) The Facility Manager shall provide financial report and seek approval for any expenditure to be incurred by retained revenue whenever necessary from the Chief Officer.

Approval for expenditure

(5) The Facility Manager may, with the approval of the Facility Management Committee, delegate any of his powers or functions under this Act or any other written law to a senior Staff of the Entity.

PART III - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

20. (1) The Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning shall with the approval of the CEC Member for Finance: —

Bank accounts of the County Agricultural Entities.

- (a) cause to be opened for every County Government Agricultural Entity a bank account and
- (b) be one of the signatories of the entity's account.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section 1 above, mandatory signatories to the entity's account shall be—

Signatories to the entities' bank

- (a) the Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning;
- (b) the Chief Officer for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation; and
- (c) the Facility Manager.
- (3) The Facility Manager shall be the Accounting Officer for the agricultural entity and shall not cause a bank account of the entity to be overdrawn beyond the limit authorized by the Facility Management Committee of the entity.
- (4) The Facility Manager shall keep complete and current records of all transactions of the Entity for which he

is responsible under this Act or any other legislation.

- (5) Subject to subsection (2), a Facility Manager who authorizes the bank account of a county government agricultural entity to be overdrawn is liable for the full cost of the overdrawn amount, in addition to any other disciplinary measures that—
 - (a) the CEC Member may impose; or
 - (b) any other relevant authority may impose under the provisions of Section 119 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.
- **21.** (1) The funds of County Agricultural Entities shall consist of—

Funds of the County Agricultural Entities

- (a) one and such amount, not exceeding eighty per cent of the moneys raised by the entities retained for purposes of defraying their expenses;
- (b) loans and grants received by the Entity with the approval of the CEC Member for Finance;
- (c) any other monies as may, with the approval of the CEC Member, be received by or made available to the Entity for the purpose of performing its functions; and
- (d) moneys appropriated annually by the County Assembly.
- (2) The funds of the entity specified in subsection (1) (a) above, shall be paid into the entity's bank account and shall be accessed by the entity whenever there's need to defray its expenses;
- (3) Any funds received and/ or retained by the entity in respect of a financial year which are not expended by the end of that financial year shall be included in the expenditures of the entities for the proceeding financial year.
- 22. All revenues collected by, or due and payable to, the entity under this Act shall be paid into the County Revenue Fund provided that all revenues collected by the entity shall be paid into the County Revenue Fund account after deducting the costs incurred in defraying the entities expenses.

Revenue to be paid into the County Revenue Fund. 23. The Agricultural Entity shall retain revenue in accordance with Section 16 (1) (a) of this Act for purposes of—

Purposes of retention of Revenue

- (a) financing the respective agricultural entity's' operational and management costs;
- (b) providing readily available financial resources for optimal operations of the county agricultural entities all year round;
- (c) improving daily facilities operations and promote improved access to agricultural products and services;
- (d) establishing the county agricultural facilities as procurement entities in line with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act of 2015 and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations of 2020;
- (e) increasing, where applicable, the accessibility and predictability of finances for procurement of essential products, commodities and technologies;
- (f) enabling county agricultural facilities to budget and utilize collected revenue in line with the Public Finance Management Act (2012); and
- (g) support the dissemination of agricultural information and technologies to value chain actors.
- 24. (1) The Facility Manager shall, not later than three months before the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Facility Management Committee for its approval, estimates of the income and expenditure of the entity for the next ensuing financial year and may at any time before the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Facility Management Committee for approval any estimates supplementary to the estimates for that financial year.
- (2) No expenditure shall be made out of the funds of the entity unless that expenditure is part of the expenditure approved by the Facility Management Committee and the CEC Member according to the estimates for the financial year in which the expenditure is to be incurred or in the supplementary estimates for that year.

Estimates of income and expenditure of the County Agricultural Entities

- (3) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1) above, the Facility Management Committee shall submit to the CEC Member estimates of the income and expenditure of the entity for the next ensuing financial year and shall form part of the cumulative expenditure of the Department.
- **25.** (1) The Entity shall keep accounts and records of its transactions and affairs and shall ensure that all moneys received and/ or retained are properly brought to account, all payments out of its funds are correctly made and properly authorized and that adequate control is maintained over its property and liabilities the entity may incur under this Act.

Accounts, Audit and Annual Reports

- (2) The annual accounts of the entities shall be audited by the Auditor-General.
- (3) The Facility Manager shall, within three months after the end of each financial year submit—
 - (a) to the CEC Member and the Facility Management Committee an annual report in respect of that year, containing—
 - (i) financial statements of the entities;
 - (ii) the entities' performance indicators and any other related information;
 - (iii) a report on the operations of the Entity; and
 - (iv) such other information as the Facility Management Committee and the CEC Member may deem fit.
 - (b) to the Controller and Auditor-General, the accounts of the entity for the financial year; and the annual report referred to in paragraph (a) above.
- (5) The CEC Member shall cause copies of the annual report together with copies of the Controller and Auditor-General's report to be laid before the County Assembly within two months or at the next sitting of the County Assembly after he has received them, whichever is the earlier.
- **26.** (1) The Head of internal audit for the Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the internal audit of

Internal Audits and Annual Reports the County Government Agricultural Entities' accounts and shall submit to the Facility Manager a report on the accounts in respect of every three months of a financial year.

(2) The Facility Manager shall submit every report referred to in subsection (1) to the Facility Management Committee for its consideration at the next meeting of the Facility Management Committee after he has received the report and shall also submit copies of the report to the CEC Member, CEC Member for Finance and the Auditor-General.

PART IV – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Powers of the CEC Member to make Regulations

- 27. (1) The CEC Member may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act respecting any matter that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed under this Act or for the carrying out or giving effect to this Act.
- (2) In making regulations under this Act, the CEC Member shall consult with the CEC Member for Finance
- and Economic Planning.

 (3) A provision of a regulation shall—
 - (a) be limited and specific in its application;
 - (b) authorize any matter or thing to be done from time to time; or
 - (c) do any combination of the contemplation of paragraph (a) and (b) above.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) shall not take effect unless approved by a resolution passed by the County Assembly.
- (5) Regulations approved under subsection (4) shall take effect on the day after the date on which the County Assembly approved them or, if a later date is specified in the regulations, on that later date.
 - (6) Regulations under this Section shall include—
 - (a) procedures for the approval of expenditures incurred through retained revenue by the entities;
 - (b) procedures for the development of a comprehensive agricultural service framework to

Delegated legislation

- be funded by revenue retained by County Agricultural entities;
- (c) procedures of administrative reporting by the Agricultural entities; and
- (d) any matter incidental to the implementation of this Act.

Protection of Public Officers from liability

28. (1) Nothing done by any authorized person or public officer working under the instructions of the Department or County Treasury, if done in good faith, for the purposes of executing the powers, functions or duties of the Department or County Treasury under the Constitution or this Act, renders that person or public officer personally liable for any action, claim or demand.

Liability for wrong acts or omissions

Indemnity

- (2) Without prejudice to sub-section (1) above any authorized person or public officer shall be personally liable for any act or omission done or committed in the performance of his functions under this Act, if having regard to the circumstances of the case such act or omission—
 - (a) is done or committed willfully or dishonestly by such person;
 - (b) is attributable to the negligence of such person; or
 - (c) is done or committed by such person in contravention of any provision of this Act or regulations made thereunder or any other written law.

SCHEDULE

(Section....)

FIRST SCHEDULE

1. Meetings of the County Agricultural Management Committee and the Facility Management Committee

- (1) The first meeting of the Committees shall be convened by the Chairman and, subsequently, the Committees shall meet as often as necessary for the transaction of business at such places and at such times as may be decided upon by the Facility Management Committee but it shall meet at least once every month.
- (2) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Committees and in his absence the members present may appoint a member from among themselves to preside at that meeting.
- (3) The Chairman or, in his absence a member appointed by the Committees to act in his place, may at any time call a special meeting upon a written request by a majority of the members.
- (4) Notice of every meeting of the Committees shall be given in writing to each member at least five days before the day of the meeting.

2. Quorum

- (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), five members, excluding the ex officio members, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting of the Committees.
- (2) When there is no quorum at, or for the continuation of, a meeting of the Committees only because of the exclusion of a member from the deliberations on a matter in which he has disclosed a personal interest, the other members present may if they deem it expedient so to do—
 - (a) postpone the consideration of that matter until there is a quorum without that member; or
 - (b) proceed to consider and decide the matter as if there was a quorum.

3. Decisions of the Committees

- (1) All questions proposed at a meeting of any of the Committees shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, and in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.
- (2) A decision may be made by a Committee without a meeting by circulation of the relevant papers among the members of the Committees

and by the expression of the views of the majority of the members in writing but any member shall be entitled to require that the decision be deferred and the matter on which a decision is sought be considered at a meeting of the Committees.

4. Minutes of proceedings

- (1) The Committees shall cause the minutes of all proceedings of their meetings to be recorded and kept, and the minutes of each meeting shall be confirmed by the Committee at the next meeting of and signed by the chairman or the person presiding at the meeting.
- (2) The Chairperson of the County Agricultural Entities Management Committee shall submit to the CEC Member a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Committee as soon as the minutes have been confirmed.

5. The Committees to regulate their procedure

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Committees may regulate their own procedure.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The principal object of this Bill is to give effect to Section 5 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012; mandate County Agricultural Entities to retain money received by or on behalf of the County Government for purposes of defraying their expenses; and provide for the financial management procedures for accounting and use of money retained by the County Agricultural Entities.

Statement of how the Bill concerns the County Government of Kisumu

The Bill concerns the county government of Kisumu in terms of Articles 185, 186 and 187 and the 4th Schedule of the Constitution and Sections 5 and 109 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Statement of delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms.

The Bill does not contain any provision limiting any fundamental rights or freedoms. The Bill however delegates legislative authority to the CECM for the time being responsible for Agriculture to make regulations.

Statement that the Bill is a money Bill, within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution.

The Bill is not a money bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

Financial Impact Statement

The enactment of this Bill shall occasion additional expenditure of public funds

Dated the 25th October, 2023.

EUNICE ALANDOH, Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation.