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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB470 by Hochberg (Relating to the labeling, advertising, and sale of halal foods; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires stores that sell both halal and non-halal meats in the same retail store to clearly label each portion of meat as halal or non-halal and makes it an offense for a person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly sell non-halal food which is represented as halal food, makes violations subject to a criminal penalty, and permits an aggrieved consumer to bring a cause of action for damages.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated, due to the small number of anticipated offenses.

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