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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1908 by King, Tracy O. (Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would name the Department of Agriculture (TDA) as the lead agency for education and training in the coordination of food safety and require the agency to assist the fresh fruit and vegetable industries with food safety issues. The bill would also require TDA to coordinate, plan, and approve training and awareness programs for producers and packers of fresh fruits and vegetables.

TDA indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house; otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of, 551 Department of Agriculture

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