

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1208
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2013; March 12, 2013, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs,
 1-4 and Homeland Security; April 24, 2013, rereferred to Committee on
 1-5 Government Organization; April 29, 2013, reported adversely, with
 1-6 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-7 Nays 0; April 29, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1208 By: Rodriguez

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the creation of a regional food economy and food access
 1-21 task force.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. REGIONAL FOOD ECONOMY AND FOOD ACCESS TASK
 1-24 FORCE. (a) The regional food economy and food access task force is
 1-25 created to study and provide recommendations to the legislature on
 1-26 developing this state's regional food economy and improving access
 1-27 to healthy food for the people in this state.

1-28 (b) The task force consists of nine members appointed as
 1-29 follows:

1-30 (1) one member who is a representative of the food
 1-31 retail industry with experience in grocery stores, appointed by the
 1-32 governor;

1-33 (2) one member who is a physician with experience in
 1-34 public health, appointed by the commissioner of state health
 1-35 services;

1-36 (3) one member who is a representative of a community
 1-37 development financial institution, appointed by the governor;

1-38 (4) one member who is a large-scale farmer, as defined
 1-39 by the United States Department of Agriculture, appointed by the
 1-40 lieutenant governor;

1-41 (5) one member who is a small-scale farmer, as defined
 1-42 by the United States Department of Agriculture, with experience in
 1-43 farmers markets, appointed by the lieutenant governor;

1-44 (6) one member who is a representative of a food bank,
 1-45 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

1-46 (7) one member who is a representative of a regional
 1-47 food advocacy group, appointed by the speaker of the house of
 1-48 representatives;

1-49 (8) one representative of the Texas Department of
 1-50 Agriculture, appointed by the commissioner of agriculture; and

1-51 (9) one representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife
 1-52 Extension Service, appointed by the chancellor of The Texas A&M
 1-53 University System.

1-54 (c) The representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
 1-55 Service serves as the presiding officer of the task force.

1-56 (d) A task force member is not entitled to compensation or
 1-57 reimbursement of expenses.

1-58 (e) The task force shall:

1-59 (1) examine the following food economy goals:

1-60 (A) creating and retaining family-wage jobs;

2-1 (B) expanding export and local markets for
2-2 regional products;
2-3 (C) developing regional public-private
2-4 partnerships and leveraging existing public-private partnership
2-5 efforts; and
2-6 (D) improving access to healthy food and food
2-7 security, protecting natural resources, and enhancing community
2-8 connections; and
2-9 (2) develop recommendations for legislation and state
2-10 agency programming that will improve this state's regional food
2-11 economy and improve access to healthy food for the people in this
2-12 state.
2-13 (f) The task force shall meet not later than the 30th day
2-14 after the date the last initial appointment is made. The task force
2-15 shall meet regularly as necessary at the call of the presiding
2-16 officer.
2-17 (g) Not later than September 1, 2014, the task force shall:
2-18 (1) submit to the legislature a report outlining
2-19 legislative recommendations and recommendations for state agency
2-20 programming; and
2-21 (2) provide a presentation on the task force's
2-22 recommendations to the standing committee of each house of the
2-23 legislature with primary jurisdiction over economic development.
2-24 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. The task force established under
2-25 this Act is abolished and this Act expires September 1, 2015.
2-26 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-27 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-28 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-29 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-30 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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