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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1382** by Simpson (Relating to the regulation of food prepared, stored, distributed, or sold at farms and farmers' markets; limiting the applicability of a fee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code, related to the regulation of food prepared, stored, distributed, or sold at farms and farmers' markets; limiting the applicability of a fee. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) indicates that, if the bill were enacted, DSHS and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) would absorb any cost associated with adopting rules.

Local Government Impact

The bill would prohibit local governments from requiring a permit fee for sale of food at a farm, farmers' markets, farmers' market vendors, or cooking demonstrations at farmers' markets. This may result in a decrease in revenue for local jurisdictions; however, any fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

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