

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1730
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Agriculture & Livestock
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the substantial financial impact that would result from the National Institute of Standards and Technology removing recognition of the state metrology laboratory. H.B. 1730 seeks to avoid any such financial fallout by ensuring that the laboratory maintains that recognition.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1730 amends the Agriculture Code to change the frequency with which the Department of Agriculture (TDA) is required to submit the state's primary standards of weights and measures to the National Institute of Standards and Technology or to a laboratory approved by the institute for certification from at least once each 10 years to the frequency required to maintain recognition of the TDA metrology laboratory.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.