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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2029 by Lozano (Relating to the exemption of certain commercial weighing or measuring devices from registration and inspection requirements.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2029, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from General Revenue Fund	Probable Savings from General Revenue Fund
	1	1
2018	(\$71,540)	\$71,540
2019	(\$71,540)	\$71,540
2020	(\$71,540)	\$71,540
2021	(\$71,540)	\$71,540
2022	(\$71,540)	\$71,540

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would exempt commercial weighing or measuring devices exclusively used to weigh food sold for immediate consumption from inspection and registration requirements performed by the Department of Agriculture (TDA).

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Methodology

According to revenue estimates provided by TDA, a revenue loss of \$71,540 would be expected by implementing this bill. This revenue is currently deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund. This analysis assumes that a savings would be realized due to fewer inspections being conducted as a result of the bill's exemption of certain commercial weighing or measuring devices from inspection and registration requirements. As TDA's Weights & Measures program is currently required to recover its costs, this analysis assumes a decrease in operational costs to the program would be equivalent to the anticipated revenue loss of \$71,540.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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