

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1694** by Lambert (Relating to limitations on food regulations at farms, farmers' markets, and cottage food production operations.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would prohibit the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and local governments from requiring permits for persons providing samples of food at farmers' markets, including those produced by a cottage food production operation.

DSHS issues a limited number of temporary food event permits to entities participating in farmers' markets. DSHS indicates that any revenue lost under the provisions of the bill would be insignificant, and that any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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