

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 339                      Food safety  
**SPONSOR(S):** Bowen  
**TIED BILLS:** None                      **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1218

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REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Agriculture		Kaiser	Reese
2) Agriculture & Environment Apps (Sub)			
3) Appropriations			
4)			
5)			

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

In an effort to ensure the safety of Florida’s food supply in the aftermath of 9-11 and the Mad Cow disease outbreak in Europe, the Commissioner of Agriculture established a Food Safety Task Force. The Task Force is composed of representatives from every facet of the food industry: production, processing, distribution, sales, consumers, experts in food safety, agencies charged with food safety responsibilities, and legislative representatives. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of current importance in food safety.

HB 339 transforms this “ad-hoc” task force into a permanent advisory council (Florida Food Safety Advisory Council) under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (department). All members of the Council, with the exception of the legislative representatives, are appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Council will periodically report findings and recommendations to the department.

Recurring appropriations of \$5,000 each are provided from the department’s Contracts and Grants Trust Fund and General Inspection Trust Fund. These funds are for use in payment of costs associated with conducting the business of the Council.

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## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. Empower families?                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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The effective date of this legislation is July 1, 2003.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

**Section 1:** Creating s. 500.033, F.S., creating the Florida Food Safety Advisory Council; providing purpose; providing criteria for membership; and, providing for periodic reports.

**Section 2:** Providing appropriations for costs associated with conducting activities of the Council.

**Section 3:** Providing an effective date.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 1. Revenues:

Recurring:	Fund	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Anticipated Revenues*	GITF	\$ 5,394	\$ 5,394	\$ 5,394
	C&G	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Recurring Revenues		<u>\$10,394</u>	<u>\$10,394</u>	<u>\$10,394</u>

2. Expenditures:

Expenses	GITF	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	C&G	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Recurring Expenditures		<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

\*The revenue estimates are based on anticipated grant money (Contracts and Grants Trust Fund) from the United States Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of encouraging states to establish such advisory bodies. The revenue estimates in the General Inspection Trust Fund are from additional food permits issued.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

**III. COMMENTS**

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not appear to affect municipal or county government.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

**IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**

N/A