

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: HB 1717

SPONSOR: Fiscal Responsibility Council

SUBJECT: Dairy Industry Division

DATE: April 30, 2001

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Hendon	Wood	AP	Favorable
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## I. Summary:

This bill changes the organizational structure of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by merging the Division of Dairy Industry into the Division of Food Safety, to form only one division, the Division of Food Safety.

The change reflects budget reductions contained within the House Appropriations bill. Two full-time equivalent (FTE) positions are eliminated and spending authority of \$145,297 is reduced in the General Revenue Fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

## II. Present Situation:

The Department is organized in 12 divisions created in s. 570.29, Florida Statutes. The Department is comprised of four operational programs. The Division of Dairy Industry and the Division of Food Safety are the components of the Food Safety and Quality Program.

The Division of Dairy Industry conducts sanitary compliance inspections on dairy farms, processing plants, frozen dessert manufacturers, wash stations, transfer stations, and single service container manufacturers. The division also conducts equipment tests of public health controls on pasteurization equipment and evaluations of bulk milk haulers and bulk milk transport tankers. Samples of milk products, both in-state and out-of-state, are collected and tested in one of two state milk laboratories. During 1999-2000, the division conducted 3,000 dairy establishment inspections and analyzed 80,433 milk and milk product samples. 92.9% of the milk and milk products analyzed met standards and 83.67% of dairy establishments met food safety and sanitation requirements.

The Division of Dairy is currently staffed with 34 full-time positions and is funded with a budget of \$1.7 million from General Revenue. In 1999-2000 the division collected \$17,900 in frozen dessert license fees and \$1,500 for milk fat testers permits. The division estimates that during 2000-01, they will spend \$858,447 to inspect dairy establishments; \$540,129 to perform sample analyses; and \$340,876 to provide administrative direction. This calculates to a 24% administrative overhead rate.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The Division of Dairy Industry would merge into the Division of Food Safety as a bureau level function. The statutory requirements of Chapter 502, Milk and Milk Products, and Chapter 503, Frozen Desserts, would not change. The operational functions and requirements of the program should remain the same.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

Revenues:

No impact.

Expenditures:

FY 2001-02

Recurring	
Salaries and Benefits (2) FTE	(112,939)
Expenses	( 21,358)
Operating Capital Outlay	<u>( 11,000)</u>
Total – General Revenue Fund	(145,297)

B. Private Sector Impact:

None

C. Government Sector Impact:

None

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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