

# 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: CS/SB 1218

SPONSOR: Committee on Agriculture and Senator Argenziano

SUBJECT: Food Safety Advisory Council

DATE: March 26, 2003      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Akhavein</u>	<u>Poole</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
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3.	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>                    </u>
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**I. Summary:**

This committee substitute creates the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council to serve as a forum for issues concerning food safety in Florida. In 2002, the Commissioner of Agriculture created the Food Safety Task Force to ensure the safety of Florida’s food supply. This committee substitute transforms this “ad-hoc” task force into a permanent advisory council. The council consists of the following members:

- \$ The Commissioner of Agriculture;
- \$ The Secretary of Health;
- \$ The person responsible for domestic security within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement;
- \$ Members representing the production, processing, distribution, and sale of foods;
- \$ Consumers and/or members of citizens groups or food industry groups;
- \$ Scientists or other experts in aspects of food safety from state universities;
- \$ Representatives from local, state, and federal agencies that are charged with responsibilities for food safety or food security;
- \$ The chairs of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and
- \$ The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the remaining members.

The council is required to periodically report findings and recommendations in the area of food safety and food security to the department. The council members may receive for review confidential data; however, it is unlawful for any member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage or to reveal the data to the general public.

This committee substitute provides recurring appropriations of \$5,000 each from the department's Contracts and Grants Trust Fund and General Inspection Trust Fund for use in payment of costs associated with conducting the business of the council.

This bill creates section 500.033 of the Florida Statutes.

## **II. Present Situation:**

In an effort to ensure the safety of Florida's food supply, the Commissioner of Agriculture established the Food Safety Task Force in 2002. 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.

## **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1.** Creates s. 500.033, F.S., to create the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues related to food safety. Provides for membership of the council. Requires the council to make periodic reports to the department concerning findings and recommendations in the area of food safety. Authorizes the council members to receive for review confidential data; however, it is unlawful for any member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage or to reveal the data to the general public.

**Section 2.** Appropriates \$5,000 from the Contracts and Grants Trust Fund and \$5,000 from the General Inspection Trust Fund to pay the expenses associated with the activities of the Food Safety Advisory Council during the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

**Section 3.** Provides that this act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

## **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:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2003-04</b>	<b>FY 2004-05</b>	<b>FY 2005-06</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
<b>Anticipated Recurring Revenues:</b>	GITF	5,394	5,394	5,394
	C&G	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>				
<b>Non-Recurring Costs:</b>		0	0	0
<b>Recurring Costs:</b>	GITF	5,000	5,000	5,000
	C&G	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>NON-OPERATING COSTS:</b>	GITF	394	394	394
<b>TOTAL OF ALL REVENUES:</b>		<b>\$10,394</b>	<b>\$10,394</b>	<b>\$10,394</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL COSTS:</b>		<b>\$10,394</b>	<b>\$10,394</b>	<b>\$10,394</b>

**Note:**

The revenues estimated from the Contracts and Grants Trust Fund are based on anticipated grants from the US Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of encouraging states to establish such advisory bodies. The revenues from the General Inspection Trust Fund are estimated from increased food permits issued.

The costs estimated will be used to reimburse travel for private sector council members, meeting room rentals, printing and reproduction of educational materials, and other incidental costs for conducting business of the council.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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