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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to food safety; creating s. 500.033, F.S.; creating the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council as a forum for evaluation of food safety and food security issues; providing membership; requiring reporting of findings and recommendations; providing for review of certain data; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

500.033 Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.--

(1) There is created the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of current importance to the assurance of a safe and secure food supply to



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29 the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food Safety and Food
30 Security Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be limited
31 to: the Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee; the
32 Secretary of Health or his or her designee; the Secretary of
33 Business and Professional Regulation or his or her designee; the
34 person responsible for domestic security with the Florida
35 Department of Law Enforcement; members representing the
36 production, processing, distribution, and sale of foods;
37 consumers and/or members of citizens groups or food industry
38 groups; scientists or other experts in aspects of food safety
39 from state universities; representatives from local, state, and
40 federal agencies that are charged with responsibilities for food
41 safety or food security; the chairs of the Agriculture
42 Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives or
43 their designees; and the chairs of the committees of the Senate
44 and the House of Representatives with jurisdictional oversight
45 of home defense issues or their designees. The Commissioner of
46 Agriculture shall appoint the remaining members. The council
47 shall make periodic reports to the Department of Agriculture and
48 Consumer Services concerning findings and recommendations in the
49 area of food safety and food security.

50 (2) The council shall consider the development of
51 appropriate advice or recommendations on food safety or food
52 security issues. In the discharge of their duties, the council
53 members may receive for review confidential data exempt from the
54 provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, it is unlawful for any
55 member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage
56 or reveal the data to the general public.



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57 Section 2. There is hereby provided for fiscal year 2003-
58 2004 an appropriation in the expenses category the sum of \$5,000
59 from the Contract and Grants Trust Fund within the Department of
60 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the sum of \$5,000 from the
61 General Inspection Trust Fund within the Department of
62 Agriculture and Consumer Services for use in payment of
63 associated costs in the conduct of activities of the Florida
64 Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.

65 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.