

# 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.)

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Prepared By: Agriculture Committee

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BILL: SB 1992

SPONSOR: Senator Garcia

SUBJECT: Inspection of Perishable Items

DATE: March 28, 2005

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

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Mayfield	Poole	AG	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.	_____	_____	DS	_____
3.	_____	_____	TR	_____
4.	_____	_____	GA	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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## I. Summary:

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to manually inspect each perishable item that comes through the states airports and is exported by a country in which a terrorist organization exists.

The costs of the inspections will be borne by the importer.

This bill creates an undesignated section of the Florida Statutes.

## II. Present Situation:

Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, more than \$17 million have been utilized by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS) to prepare for and prevent agroterrorism events. Approximately \$10 million came from the federal government with the remainder provided through state appropriation. These funds are used to help protect Florida's citizens in regard to agroterrorism, bio-security, food security, and domestic security issues. Currently, DACCS inspects agricultural products at 22 roadway interdiction stations, but does not perform inspections at airports. Inspections of agricultural products at airports throughout the state are performed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Customs and Border Protection.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates an undesignated section of the Florida Statutes that requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to manually inspect each perishable item that arrives through the states airports and is exported by a country in which a terrorist organization exists.

**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:

The bill requires the costs of the inspections to be borne by the importer of such items.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimates costs to the private sector would be the \$11,930,972 in new fees that the importers would have to pay. It is also expected that the new inspection would cause some delay in getting products inspected and released.

C. Government Sector Impact:

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2005-2006</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Recurring -	PITF	11,930,972

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2005-2006</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
<b>Recurring -</b>		
Salaries & Benefits:		
9 Agriculture Consumer Protection Specialist Supervisors	PITF	405,171
180 Agriculture Consumer Protection Specialists	PITF	7,428,600

Expenses:		
189 Professional Exp. Packages	PITF	1,841,427
Human Resource Services – 189 FTE @ \$389	PITF	73,521
P.C. Network Support Services 189 FTE @ \$1,500	GITF	283,500
<b>Non-Recurring -</b>		
189 Professional OCO Packages	PITF	340,200
90 Ford Ranger 4x2	PITF	1,025,280
<b>Non-Operating Costs -</b>		
Administrative/Indirect	PITF	533,273
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>PITF</b>	<b>\$11,930,972</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>PITF</b>	<b>\$11,930,972</b>

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

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## **VIII. Summary of Amendments:**

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