HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

HB 99 Designation of an Official Fruit of the State of Florida BILL #:

SPONSOR(S): Clarke and others

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 574

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Governmental Operations Committee		Brazzell	Everhart
2) Agriculture Committee			
3) State Administration Council			
4)			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 99 designates the orange as the official state fruit.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

While chapter 15, F.S., contains 28 state designations¹, it does not contain a designation for the state fruit.

Florida is the largest producer of oranges among the states; its 2003-04 crop comprised 84% of the United States' total orange production. That season, the state produced 10.8 million short tons of fruit. The public consumes most Florida oranges as juice.²

Among the states that have state fruit designations are Arkansas (South Arkansas vine ripe pink tomato), Georgia (peach), Idaho (huckleberry), New York (apple), North Carolina (scuppernong grape), Rhode Island (Rhode Island Greening Apple), Texas (Texas red grapefruit), Utah (cherry), and Washington (apple).

Proposed Changes

The bill designates the orange (*Citrus sinensis* and hybrids thereof) as the official fruit of Florida.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates the orange (Citrus sinensis and hybrids thereof) as the official fruit of Florida.

Section 2 provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: None.

2. Expenditures: None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: None.

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¹ These include the state tree, beverage, citrus archive, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater fish, marine mammal, saltwater mammal, butterfly, reptile, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera program, renaissance festival, railroad museums, transportation museum, soil, fiddle contest, band, and Sports Hall of Fame. ² Fruit and Tree Nuts Situation and Outlook Yearbook, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, October

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: None. 2. Other: None. B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: None. C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: None. IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES N/A.

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