

BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2833 (Subcommittee Recommendation)

AUTHOR: Rep. Steel

SUBJECT: Food Security Act

PROVISIONS:

- Section 1: Amends current statutes and renames the Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger the Food Security Committee and extends the life and reporting dates of the committee to December 31, 2012. This section amends current statutes and directs the committee to accomplish the following:
- Support community food security initiatives in Oklahoma communities and encourage food production on the local level;
 - Encourage the use of home and community gardens for food production; Support efforts to provide farmers' markets with the technology for accepting food stamps;
 - Collect and compile detailed county and community data relating to food security issues;
 - Apply for WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs in Oklahoma;
 - Support creative transportation methods for connecting at-risk populations with nutritious foods and eliminate sales tax at farmers' markets.
- This section also increases the membership of the committee from 15 to 17 members and adds the Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry or a designee and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or a designee.
- Section 2: New Law – Directs the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be active in seeking funds for the capacity of Oklahoma's food security initiatives.
- Section 3: New Law – Provides a rebate program (15 % of sales taxes remitted) to be administered by the Oklahoma Tax Commission in certain cases.
- Section 4: Provides an exemption from sales tax on sales of tangible personal property consisting of fresh vegetables, fruits, gourds, nuts or other agricultural products, and not consisting of meat, fish or poultry products, produced in the

state and sold in an open-market environment if the consideration paid in a sales transaction does not exceed \$300.00. For purposes of the exemption authorized by this paragraph, multiple transactions occurring on the same date involving one customer shall be aggregated. Provides an Effective Date

Section 5: Provides an Effective Date of July 1, 2008 for sections 1, 2 and 4

Section 6: Provides an Effective Date of January 1, 2009 for section 3

Section 7: Declares an Emergency

EFFECTIVE

DATE: July 1, 2008

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