

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1857
Version:	Engrossed
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Impact:	\$0 state cost

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Arnella Karges

Engrossed SB1857 creates new powers and duties for the State Board of Agriculture regarding standard weights and measures including:

- Maintain state standards and adopt standard weights and measures for products in conformity with federal standards;
- Establish requirements for labeling of cost-per-unit information, for standards of weight, measure, or count;
- Conduct investigations to ensure compliance;
- Inspect and test to ensure the weights and measures commercially used are correct;
- Allow seizure of weights and measures that have been rejected and not corrected;
- Weigh, measure, or inspect packaged commodities kept, offered or exposed for sale, sold or in the process of delivery, to determine whether they contain the amounts;
- Allow alternate term or unit of weight to be prescribed, if a method of declaring the quantity does not allow value comparisons by consumers or offers an opportunity for consumer confusion;
- Allow reasonable variations from the stated quantity of contents;
- Set standards for inspection by rule for circumstances not addressed;
- Promulgate rules for enforcement of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook; and
- Enforce provisions of the Standards Weights and Measures article of Title 2 (Agriculture).

The Title and Enacting Clause are stricken on Engrossed SB1857.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Nichols

The engrossed version of SB 1857 creates a section of law that delineates the powers and duties of the State Board of Agriculture.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials at the Department state the provisions of the measure would have no impact on state revenues or expenditures.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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