

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1115

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Lewis

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses.

**4. Title:** Seizure of food and dairy products; sampling.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows but does not require the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to sample goods that have been seized because they are believed to violate the law; current law makes such sampling mandatory. If the Commissioner determines that a sample requires laboratory analysis, the bill requires that the sample be forwarded to the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services of the Department of General Services (the Division) to be turned over to a qualified analyst. The bill provides that a certification of the results of the analysis by a qualified analyst employed by the Division shall constitute prima facie evidence of the facts certified to.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a material fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) or the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) of the Department of General Services. According to VDACS, some savings may be realized but the amount cannot be determined. The nature and scope of sampling conducted by DCLS varies greatly, making the estimation of savings difficult.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Department of General Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.