

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB221

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

2. Patron: Black, R. H.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Cottage food production operation; sales directly to consumers only.

5. Summary: This bill defines the cottage food production operation and establishes requirements for food types, labeling, sales methods, and other elements. In addition, the definition of a “baked good” is added.

The bill allows cottage food producers to sell products out of their houses or at farmers' markets and prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production operations. Section 3.2-5146 is created to further describe and provide for cottage food production operations. While cottage food producers are exempted from local health department regulation, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to maintain a record of each complaint made against a cottage food production operation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will have no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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