Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB51

House of Origin	☐	Introduced	☒	Substitute	☒	Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐	Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Stuart, R.

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Agricultural operations; local regulation of certain activities.

5. **Summary:** This bill protects certain activities at agricultural operations from local regulation in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities. Localities are prohibited from subjecting the listed activities to a special-use permit requirement in the absence of a substantial impact on health, safety, or public welfare, and in most situations localities are prevented from stringently regulating the sound produced by the listed activities. The bill provides that it shall not affect the Right to Farm Act or an entity licensed in accordance with the alcoholic beverage laws or restrict the taxation authority of any locality.

   The second enactment clause of the bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to continue the On-Farm Activities Working Group.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a state fiscal impact. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services can absorb any costs associate with the continuance of the On-Farm Activities Working Group within its current resources.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is similar to HB268 as engrossed.