

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1050
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Certain interested parties are concerned that issues of liability surrounding the donation of certain foods may discourage food donations to charitable organizations and, consequently, negatively affect food insecurity in Texas. H.B. 1050 seeks to address these concerns regarding such liability.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1050 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to condition a waiver of civil or criminal liability arising from the condition of apparently wholesome food that a person or gleaner donates to certain entities for distribution to the needy or that a nonprofit organization distributes to the needy in compliance with certain laws and rules on the food being apparently wholesome at the time of donation or distribution, as applicable.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.