

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1049 - SB 936

April 5, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that sorghum molasses that is sold or offered for sale in this state be prominently labeled as being either 100 percent pure sorghum molasses or not pure sorghum molasses. Removes the cause of action for injury or death or loss of money or property as a result of labeling violations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 53-15-103, any person who suffers an injury or death, or an ascertainable loss of money or property, as a result of a violation of the mislabeling of sorghum molasses may bring an action individually to recover actual damages.
- Any cause of action occurring due to this consumer protection would likely involve two private parties.
- There will be no significant decrease in cases in the court system as a result of removing this consumer protection; therefore, any impact to state or local government is not significant.
- Any impact on the Department of Agriculture will be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Any impact to jobs or commerce as a result of removing this consumer protection is estimated to be not significant. Any decrease in business expenditures as a result of the removal of the labeling requirements will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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