

SUBJECT: Limiting judicial review over certain nutritional programs

COMMITTEE: Agriculture and Livestock — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — T. King, C. Anderson, Cyrier, M. González, Rinaldi, Springer
1 nay — Simpson

WITNESSES: For — None
Against — None
On — Stephen Dillon, Texas Department of Agriculture

BACKGROUND: Agriculture Code, sec. 12.0025 provides a list of eight state and federal nutrition programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

DIGEST: HB 3944 would provide that a decision of the Department of Agriculture's administrative review official or the State Office of Administrative Hearings related to one of the nutrition programs the department administers would be the final administrative determination of the department and would not be subject to judicial review.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2015.