

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3518
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Health and Safety Code provides counties with authority to conduct food service establishment permitting in unincorporated areas of a county, even if the property is located in the incorporated limits of a municipality. Certain counties have sought authority to regulate and permit food establishments on property or any facility, owned, operated, or leased by the county. H.B. 3518 seeks to provide counties this authority.

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. 3518 amends the Health and Safety Code to expand a county's authority to require a food service establishment, retail food store, mobile food unit, or roadside food vendor located in an unincorporated area of the county, including an area in the incorporated limits of a municipality, to obtain a permit to include such businesses located on any property or in any facility owned, operated, or leased by the county.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.