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9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1521, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Create a Pilot Program To Support the State's Small Food Processors"
12	Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:
13 14 15	'Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Review Initiatives and Research Opportunities To Support Small Food Processors in the State'
16 17	Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	'Sec. 1. Review initiatives and research opportunities to support small food processors. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall conduct a review of initiatives that provide assistance to small food processors in this State, including but not limited to programs and initiatives within the department, in other state agencies and public institutions, through nonprofit organizations and in the private sector. The department shall research federal grant opportunities that may be available to provide assistance to small food processors in this State. The department, based on the information collected, shall develop findings and recommendations to further assist small food processors and increase the vitality of the agricultural economy in all areas of this State; and be it further
29 30 31 32 33 34	Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the department shall present a written report of findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by January 9, 2015. Following receipt of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature; and be it further
35 36	Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF 1 2 **Division of Agricultural Resource Development 0833** 3 Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract with a firm or university to conduct a survey of small food processors in order 4 to develop and recommend a plan to assist small food processors and strengthen the 5 agricultural economy. 6 7 **GENERAL FUND** 2013-14 2014-15 8 All Other \$0 \$30,000 9 10 \$0 \$30,000 GENERAL FUND TOTAL 11 12 **SUMMARY** 13 This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the resolve and changes the title. The amendment directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation 14 and Forestry to review current initiatives that provide assistance to small food processors 15 in the State, to research potential opportunities that may provide assistance to small food 16 processors and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 17 jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters with findings and 18 recommendations no later than January 9, 2015. The joint standing committee may 19 submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 20 127th Legislature. The amendment provides an appropriations and allocations section. 21 22 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED 23

(See attached)