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126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Review Initiatives and Research Opportunities To Support Small Food Processors in the State'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'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

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

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

