

HCS HB 440 -- SALE OF COTTAGE FOODS

SPONSOR: Webb

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute allows a cottage food production operation to sell baked goods, canned jam or jelly, dried herbs, and dried herb mixes from its home without being subject to state health and food laws and regulations. The operation is required to label all foods intended for sale with the name and address of the operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the Department of Health and Senior Services or a local health department. A local health department will not regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation.

Nothing contained in the substitute will be construed as prohibiting the department from contracting with a local health department to provide services for the department under state law and regulation. Each local health department and the department must maintain a record of a complaint made by a person against a cottage food production operation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows a person to sell non-potentially hazardous baked goods, can goods and other food items out of his or her home without being regulated by the Department of Health and Senior Services and local health departments.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Webb; and Bruce Hillis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.