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BILL ANALYSIS

TO: Members, Committee on Trade and Economic Development

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RE: **HB 3046 - Permitting individuals to bring food or food items into stadiums.**

BACKGROUND:

In 1988, the Legislature authorized the creation of public facility districts. A public facility district may be created in any county by the county legislative authority and must be coextensive with the boundaries of the county. A public facilities district is authorized to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities, or any combination of such facilities, together with contiguous parking facilities. A public facilities district is also authorized to enter into agreements for the joint operation of its facilities.

In 1995, the Legislature gave additional powers to public facilities districts that are located in a county with a population of one million or more, that construct a baseball stadium. The additional powers included the ability to: (1) Determine the site of the stadium; (2) Establish the overall scope of the project; (3) Make the final determination on stadium design and specifications; (4) Establish project budget and bidding specifications for the stadium project; and (5) Structure the financing of the stadium.

In 1997, the Legislature authorized the creation of a public stadium authority. A public stadium authority may be created in any county by the county legislative authority that has a letter of intent relating to the development of a stadium and exhibition center with a professional football team. A public stadium authority is authorized to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate a stadium and exhibition center. A public stadium authority is also authorized

to enter into agreements for the joint operation of the stadium and exhibition center.

SUMMARY:

Any agreement for the joint operation of facilities of a public facility district or a public stadium authority must allow individuals attending events at the stadium to bring food or food items for consumption inside the stadium. Individuals are prohibited from bringing food or food items in the stadium in glass bottles, cans, picnic baskets, bota bags, ice chests, and thermoses in excess of two-quart capacity. Food or food items does not include alcoholic beverages of any type.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.