

SB 5963-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there is a new national emphasis on the development of mechanisms for tracking the origin of the food supply for food safety and homeland security purposes. Systems are being developed for the registration of livestock premises and identification of livestock for disease trace-back and trace-forward purposes for protection of human and livestock health. In addition, there are requirements for increased reporting and for preparation of detailed farm plans for livestock operations for protection of state waters.

Finds that successful implementation of each of these systems will require submission to public agencies of significant information from livestock operations that had previously been deemed to be solely private information.

Finds that while pursuing one set of public policy objectives, care needs to be given to ensure that another set of public policy objectives are not unduly compromised.

Requires that, by December 15, 2005, the task force shall provide an interim report of its recommendations, including draft legislation to implement the recommendations, regarding documents produced to implement the livestock nutrient management program. By December 15, 2006, the task force shall provide a final report of its recommendations, including draft legislation to implement the recommendations, regarding documents produced to implement the livestock disease trace-forward and trace-back system. The reports shall be submitted to the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate.

Expires June 30, 2007.