

Legislative Analysis



IMPACT OF RULES ON FARM OPERATIONS

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5974 AS INTRODUCED 6-3-04

The Administrative Procedures Act requires agencies to prepare and include with the notice of transmittal of a rule to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, a regulatory impact statement containing some 25 kinds of information, including a comparison with parallel federal rules, an identification of the behavior the rule is intended to alter and the frequency of such behavior, and an estimate of costs for imposing and complying with the rule, both to the agency itself and to other affected parties. In addition, the act requires agencies to prepare an agency report after the public hearing and prior to formal adoption of the rule that contains a synopsis of comments from the public hearing and any changes in the proposed rules made by the agency after the public hearing.

The bill would require that the regulatory impact statement also address the impact of a rule on a farm operation under the Right to Farm Act.

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