

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that food bank assumption or sharing of costs to process reclaimed fish for food bank use is not sale, purchase or other commerce making fish subject to labeling, packaging or similar requirements for commercially sold foods. Allows agreement between food establishment and food bank to provide for food establishment to retain mutually agreed amount of fish or fish byproduct. Sets labeling requirements for processed fish that food establishment provides to food bank. “Reclaimed fish” means bycatch, hold fish or seized fish that a federal or state agency provides to a food bank.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for protein in food bank supplies
- Voluntary option not in violation of state or federal fishing laws
- Uncertainty over legality of processing bycatch is addressed by this measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Fish that are unintentionally caught while commercial fishing for another species are sometimes given to a food bank. Current law establishes processing limitations and labeling requirements on some of these fish. House Bill 4068A would authorize a food bank to provide a portion of the reclaimed fish to a processing business as payment for processing. It also exempts these processed fish from some labeling requirements and allows processors to sell some of the fish it retains.