

**Department of Agriculture
Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards**

On April 27th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of two federal grant applications from the Department of Agriculture to the Food and Drug Administration in the amount of \$225,000 and \$350,000 for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Standards and international accreditation of the Department's laboratory.

The Manufactured Food Regulatory Standards grant will be used to help ODA maintain conformance with ten quality criteria for state manufactured food inspection programs, which ODA has done since 2007.

The International Organization for Standardization accreditation grant will be used to ensure state regulatory laboratories maintain accreditation for food safety tests and to help prepare the laboratory for new federal food safety regulations. The grant funds from this request will be used over a two-year period to support these efforts.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.