

1-1 By: King of Taylor (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 1846  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;  
 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to public comments on federal grants and contracts related  
 1-20 to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 431, Health and Safety  
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 431.250 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 431.250. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND  
 1-25 CONTRACTS. (a) The department shall annually solicit comments  
 1-26 from interested persons regarding the grants and contracts the  
 1-27 department has requested from or entered into with the United  
 1-28 States Food and Drug Administration for implementing the federal  
 1-29 Act and its amendments, including the Food Safety Modernization Act  
 1-30 (21 U.S.C. Section 2201 et seq.).

1-31 (b) The department shall solicit comments by posting on the  
 1-32 department's Internet website a detailed description of and  
 1-33 providing notice to interested persons of each grant and contract  
 1-34 described by Subsection (a) requested or entered into during the  
 1-35 previous year. The description and notice must include the  
 1-36 benefits to this state, the department, the regulated community,  
 1-37 and the public.

1-38 (c) The department shall respond to questions and comments  
 1-39 about a grant or contract described by Subsection (a) to the best of  
 1-40 the department's knowledge. If an interested person requests that  
 1-41 the department decline to receive future federal funding from the  
 1-42 grant or contract, the department shall consider the request and  
 1-43 determine whether the benefits of the grant or contract outweigh  
 1-44 the person's concerns.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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