

Re-establishing the Local Food and Farm Task Force; SB 314

SB 314 re-establishes the Local Food and Farm Task Force, which had sunset on December 31, 2015, and establishes a new sunset for the Task Force of July 1, 2017.

Among other provisions, the bill continues the membership of the Task Force, provides for Task Force staffing, and directs the Task Force to prepare a Local Food and Farm Plan to be submitted at the beginning of the 2017 Legislative Session.

The bill also adds language that members of the Task Force attending regular, authorized meetings and requesting reimbursement will be paid mileage as provided in existing law for no more than four meetings. Also, the bill revises directives and adds a new directive for the Task Force to study:

- Identification of financial opportunities, technical support, and training necessary to expand production and sales of locally grown agricultural products (revised);
- Identification of strategies and funding needs to make locally grown foods more accessible (revised); and
- Identification of factors affecting affordability and profitability of locally grown foods (new).