

Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures

Option 3: General Fund Reduction \$30,269 FTE: 0.0

Program Title: Weights and Measures Inspection

Program Description: Inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices and inspection of Automated Point of Sale Systems

Reduction:

| Total Budget | Reduction | Revised Budget | % Reduced | Total Program FTEs | Reduction in FTEs | % Reduced |
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| \$1,070,828 | \$30,269 | \$1,040,559 | 3% | 8.2 | 0.0 | 0.0% |

Program Impact:

The weights and measures device inspection program would be reduced by .4 FTE with this General Fund reduction. The Department proposes to use \$30,269 of operational reserve from the Automated Point of Sale System inspection program to fund .4 FTE. Current revenue, including business registrations and receipts from penalties derived from enforcement actions in this program, could be expected to fund this adjustment for at least one, and likely, two or more years.

The impact on the Device Inspection Program and reduction of inspection frequency will drop this program below mandated levels. As a result of previous staffing reductions, inspections have dropped to approximately 80% levels. This reduction is expected to drop those frequencies to approximately 70%. Re-evaluation of fee schedules authorized by state law is scheduled for next year to coincide with the sunset on the authorizing legislation. There is potential that industry will want to reduce or eliminate these fees due to reduced service levels.