

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 2156 LIMITING
THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, this limitation would significantly impact Fort Bend County’s revenue to support its Food Safety Program, with an estimated revenue loss exceeding \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, unlike cities in Texas that are allowed to charge significantly higher fees than counties (typically two to four times greater), the State’s fee structure does not account for additional costs incurred by counties, such as fees for plan reviews, variances, and missed appointments, which are necessary for effective food safety regulation

WHEREAS, the bill as filed, would financially impact Fort Bend County's Food Safety Program with a potential reduction of 46.9% in revenue based on 2024 financials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Texas Legislature representing Fort Bend County, as well as other relevant state officials, to express the county's opposition to House Bill 2156.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

KP George, County Judge

Vincent Morales, Commissioner Precinct 1 Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2

Andy Meyers, Commissioner Precinct 3 Dexter L. McCoy, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

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