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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3431    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Haddon  
**Subject:** Agriculture  
**Requestor:** House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Miller  
**Impact Date:** January 12, 2023

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This joint resolution proposes to add a new section to Article I of the State Constitution to recognize an individual’s right to save and exchange seeds and to grow, raise, harvest, produce, and consume the food of their own choosing.

This bill will have no expenditure impact because the State Election Commission anticipates the costs associated with the additional responsibilities from this joint resolution will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

This joint resolution proposes to add a new section to Article I of the State Constitution to recognize an individual’s right to save and exchange seeds and to grow, raise, harvest, produce, and consume the food of their own choosing.

The State Election Commission will ensure that the proposed amendment appears on the ballots at the next general election and produce handouts and posters related to this proposal. The agency anticipates the costs associated with the additional responsibilities from this joint resolution will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the State Election Commission.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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