

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Taxes and Their impacts on Food Spending

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,)

EIB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service

[ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

USDA

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Subject of Review:
Sales taxes on foods sold at grocery stores and/or restaurants exist in almost every county in the United States. By combining county-level sales tax data with USDA’s recent National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS), ERS and university researchers examine how these taxes affect a household’s spending on grocery and restaurant foods for three groups: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants, households who are eligible for SNAP but do not participate in the program, and households who are not eligible for SNAP.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):


Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: 

When: 

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No