

Good afternoon,

I am a registered dietitian writing to make known my support for HB 3342-A. I work in the inpatient hospital setting, and agree that providing healthful, plant-based meals to patients would be a step in the right direction. Many patients who are already following plant-based diets find themselves with a lack of options when they come to the hospital, which can be especially detrimental for individuals needing increasing calorie and protein provisions due to traumatic injuries or wounds. I am disappointed that my own Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has attempted to block this bill, and cannot see their reasoning.

Sincerely,

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