

HB 3342 A -A6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals and long term care facilities to make wholesome, plant-based meals available to patients and residents when necessary to accommodate food tolerances and preferences; religious, cultural, or ethnic needs; or other requests. Defines "plant-based meal."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A6 Clarifies provisions to require hospitals and long term care facilities to provide healthy plant-based or vegan meals to patients and residents. Deletes definition of "plant-based meal."

BACKGROUND:

There are many different types of plant-based diets. One of the most common is vegan, which typically excludes all animal products such as meat, eggs, and dairy. Plant-based meals focus on whole-foods, while minimizing the consumption of highly processed foods and drinks, added sugars, and animal-derived products. Plant-based diets are generally considered to be more flexible than vegan or vegetarian diets.

HHC Vote: 9-0

House Floor Vote: 39-20