

HB 2348 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals and long term care facilities to offer 100 percent plant-based meals and beverages to patients, residents, staff, and visitors at no additional cost and indicate so on the menus.

Requires hospitals to eliminate processed meats.

Requires the Department of Corrections to offer 100 percent plant-based meals as an option any time a meal is served to all adults in custody in department facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Removes requirement for hospitals and long term care facilities to offer to offer 100 percent plant-based beverages.

Removes requirement for hospitals to eliminate processed meats from all food offerings.

Excludes nutritional support, infant formula products, and dietary plans ordered by a health care professional from required plant based meals.

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.

House Bill 2348 requires hospitals, long term care facilities, and the Department of Corrections to offer plant-based meals and beverages.