

HB 2348 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/04/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Human Services.

Vote: 7-3-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Noble, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten

Nays: 3 - Drazan, Hayden, Moore-Green

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals and long term care facilities to make available to patients, residents, staff and visitors plant-based meals and beverages. Prohibits hospitals from offering processed meats. Requires Department of Corrections to make available to adults in custody plant-based meals any time meals are served.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Re-referral of the measure to House Committee on Human Services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 and other medical facilities to offer plant-based meals and beverages.