
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3160

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By House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Newhouse, Ericks, Goodman, Armstrong, Linville, McDonald, Kessler, Dickerson, Wood, Wallace, Hunter, Blake, Clibborn, Morrell, Williams, Loomis, Lias, Kelley, Eddy, Takko, Warnick, Jarrett, Rodne, Sullivan, Roach, VanDeWege, Kenney, and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the availability of nutrition information; and
2 creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislative task force on
5 nutritional information disclosure is established, with members
6 appointed by the governor as provided in this subsection:

7 (i) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate;

8 (ii) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
9 of representatives;

10 (iii) Four representatives of the restaurant industry in
11 consultation with the Washington restaurant association;

12 (iv) Two representatives of consumer groups in consultation with
13 the American heart association and the American diabetes association;

14 (v) One representative from the state board of health; and

15 (vi) One representative from a local board of health or health
16 district.

17 (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among its membership
18 at its first meeting.

1 (2) The task force must study current efforts on nutritional
2 information disclosure at restaurants including, but not limited to,
3 systems for estimating actual nutritional information, health impacts
4 of menu labeling, cost and impact to the restaurant industry, and
5 alternatives to any current approaches. The task force must also
6 review how other states are addressing the issue.

7 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the senate
8 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
9 research.

10 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
11 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

12 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
13 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
14 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
15 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
16 successor committees.

17 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
18 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008, with
19 recommendations for providing nutritional information to consumers in
20 restaurant settings.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A moratorium is enacted upon all local
22 boards of health or health districts from adopting an ordinance, rule,
23 policy, regulation, or permit requirement regarding mandatory menu
24 labeling or nutritional information disclosure until April 26, 2009.
25 Any ordinance, rule, policy, regulation, or permit requirement
26 regarding mandatory menu labeling or nutritional information disclosure
27 adopted before the effective date of this section shall not be enforced
28 until April 26, 2009. This chapter does not prohibit a local board of
29 health or health district from adopting or encouraging voluntary
30 measures regarding menu labeling or nutritional information disclosure
31 at restaurants.

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