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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of food and beverage provision
2 and service policies; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that obesity rates
5 are at epidemic proportions and that action must be taken on many
6 fronts to improve the health and well-being of our citizens and curb
7 future health care costs. If left unchecked, the adult obesity rate in
8 Washington could reach over fifty-five percent by 2030.

9 (2) The legislature recognizes that it has a role in protecting and
10 improving the health of its citizens and has already initiated multiple
11 efforts to promote healthy eating and active living, especially among
12 the state's most vulnerable populations. In this role, the state
13 government is generally seen as the educator when in fact it is also an
14 employer, food and beverage provider, and caregiver. The legislature
15 finds that in all of these roles, the state government should model its
16 behavior after contemporary practices for the direct provision and
17 service of food and beverage. Such policies can make healthier food
18 and beverages more readily available, affordable, and appealing.

1 (3) By setting minimum standards for state food provision and
2 service, the legislature intends to:

3 (a) Make state government a model for efficient, healthy, and
4 locally sourced food and beverage provision and service;

5 (b) Support local and small business producers, distributors, and
6 processors of healthier foods in Washington state;

7 (c) Improve the nutritional quality of foods served to tens of
8 thousands of Washington residents each day, especially to our most
9 vulnerable populations;

10 (d) Decrease the health effects and societal impacts of diseases
11 related to poor nutrition; and

12 (e) Develop a more productive workforce that strengthens
13 Washington's economy.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) By January 1, 2014, all agencies and
15 other interested organizations shall adopt and begin implementation of
16 a food and beverage service policy that establishes standards for the
17 circumstances identified in this section as applicable to each agency.
18 The general services administration document, "health and
19 sustainability guidelines for federal concessions and vending
20 operations" must be used as a minimum standard. Each agency's policy
21 must be fully implemented no later than December 13, 2014.

22 (b) The food and beverage service policy must apply to:

23 (i) Food and beverages directly provided by state agencies for
24 their employees and guests at meetings;

25 (ii) Food and beverages made available to employees of state
26 agencies and guests in vending machines or through on-site vendors in
27 all buildings, facilities, and properties that are owned or leased by
28 the state;

29 (iii) Food and beverages that are prepared on-site by private
30 operators and state-operated cafeterias and cafes that are sold to
31 state employees and the public; and

32 (iv) Food and beverages that are provided to custodial populations,
33 including clients, inmates, and patients.

34 (2) The department of health shall provide written implementation
35 guidance to all agencies and may provide technical support to assist
36 agencies implementing food and beverage provision and services policies
37 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

1 (3) The department of social and health services and the department
2 of corrections may identify special populations with particular health
3 or religious dietary needs that need to be exempt from the requirements
4 of this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By July 1, 2015, the department of health
6 must submit a report to the legislature summarizing the implementation
7 of the food and beverage provision and service policy developed under
8 section 2 of this act, changes needed to food provision and service
9 practices, any savings and other benefits realized through the policy,
10 and recommendations for any policy modifications.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Nothing in this chapter applies to food
12 served:

13 (1) In support of training programs conducted by the Washington
14 state patrol;

15 (2) In support of other criminal justice training programs, such as
16 training for park rangers; or

17 (3) At the criminal justice training center.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
19 a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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