
Local Government Committee

HB 2383

Brief Description: Requiring default beverages for children's meals.

Sponsors: Representatives Stonier, Gregerson, Robinson, Cody, Peterson, Hudgins and Riccelli.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires that restaurants that sell children's meals offer water, unflavored milk, or a milk alternative as the default beverage option with the meal.

Hearing Date: 1/29/20

Staff: Kellen Wright (786-7134).

Background:

The State Board of Health is a forum for the development of public health policy in Washington State. The Board of Health is required to adopt rules regulating public health related to, among other things, environmental conditions, including standards for food service establishments. State employees, including all local health boards and officials, are required to enforce the rules adopted by the Department of Health.

Local government boards of health enforce both the regulation adopted by the State Board of Health, as well as rules adopted locally.

Summary of Bill:

A children's meal is defined as a meal served by a restaurant in which a combination of food and a beverage are sold together at a single price, and intended for consumption by a child. In such meals, the default beverage offered on the menu must only include water (including sparkling water or flavored water with no added sweeteners), unflavored milk, or a nondairy milk alternative that contains 130 or fewer calories per serving. Beverages listed or displayed on a restaurant's menu or in advertisements must be one of the default beverages. Restaurants may

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serve alternative beverages with a children's meal at the specific request of the person purchasing the meal.

The State Board of Health may adopt rules necessary to implement the default beverage requirement. Local health departments must implement and enforce the default beverage requirement as well as any rules adopted by the Board of Health. Violations of the default beverage requirements are subject to penalties: a first violation within five years is subject to a written warning; a second violation within five years is subject to a \$250 penalty; and a third or subsequent violation within five years is subject to a \$500 penalty.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 20, 2020.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.