

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6601

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Limiting obesity lawsuits.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, T. Sheldon, Stevens, Roach, Murray and Oke).

Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Committee on Judiciary

Background: There have been a number of high profile cases in which plaintiffs have sued fast food distributors for obesity-related health problems. None of the plaintiffs have yet to prevail.

Summary: Manufacturers, packers, distributors, carriers, holders, sellers, marketers, or advertisers of food or alcoholic beverages are not subject to liability actions by a private party arising out of weight gain, obesity, or any associated health condition caused by or the result of long-term purchase or consumption of food.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	41	8	
House	95	1	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 10, 2004