

HB 2211 - H AMD 1739

By Representative Engell

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1 On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that:

4 (a) Washington state recently received authority from the
5 federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to administer a
6 health benefit under the apple health program to provide medically
7 tailored meals to certain medical assistance clients with health-
8 related conditions that require nutrition supports to improve their
9 health outcomes;

10 (b) The provision of fresh, locally produced meals provides
11 clients with proper nutrition to manage their health conditions and
12 an example of healthier food options that can promote healthier
13 future meal decisions;

14 (c) The production and delivery of medically tailored meals at the
15 local level can reduce pollution and other impacts on the environment;
16 and

17 (d) Local delivery drivers of medically tailored meals from a
18 client's community are able to connect directly with clients and
19 monitor their health and emotional status and alert community
20 service providers when services may be necessary.

21 (2) The legislature, therefore, intends to prioritize the
22 provision of medically tailored meals to clients enrolled in state-
23 supported medical assistance programs by medically tailored meal
24 vendors that are able to provide locally produced whole foods
25 through the use of community-based delivery drivers."

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1 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, beginning on line 8, after "shall" strike all material
5 through "organizations" on line 10 and insert ", to the extent
6 possible, prioritize the purchase of medically tailored meals produced
7 by medically tailored meal vendors that are nonprofit organizations or
8 small businesses that are able to provide locally produced, fresh,
9 whole foods or from scratch prepared meals"

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11 On page 2, beginning on line 25, after "shall" strike all material
12 through "organizations" on line 27 and insert ", to the extent
13 possible, prioritize the purchase of medically tailored meals produced
14 by medically tailored meal vendors that are nonprofit organizations or
15 small businesses that are able to provide locally produced, fresh,
16 whole foods or from scratch prepared meals"

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EFFECT: Establishes legislative findings regarding the effects
of fresh, locally grown medically tailored meals on clients and the
environment, as well as the benefits of having local drivers
delivering medically tailored meals. Establishes legislative intent
related to prioritizing the provision of medically tailored meals to
medical assistance clients by vendors that are able to provide
locally produced whole foods through the use of community-based
drivers.

Removes the requirement that medically tailored meals be provided,
to the extent possible, by Washington state-based nonprofit
organizations and replaces it with a requirement that the state
agencies prioritize, to the extent possible, the purchase of
medically tailored meals from vendors that are nonprofit
organizations or small businesses that are able to provide locally
produced, fresh, whole foods or from scratch prepared meals.

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