
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 239

AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION AND FOOD-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.

SUMMARY

This bill requires hospitals, when conducting a community health needs assessment, to examine the nutritional needs of community members with diabetes and congestive heart failure. Specifically, the bill requires hospitals, to the extent federal law allows, to include these community members' (1) nutrition needs in their assessment and (2) medically tailored and food-based interventions in their implementation strategy.

To maintain tax-exempt status under federal law, a nonprofit hospital must, among other things, (1) conduct a community health needs assessment at least once every three years and (2) adopt an implementation strategy to meet the needs identified in the assessment. Federal regulations set various steps that hospitals must take in completing these requirements (26 C.F.R. § 1.501(r)-3).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 1 (03/02/2026)