

BILL ANALYSIS

CSHB 2313
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Public Health
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 2005, an estimated 64 percent of adult Texans were overweight or obese according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. In 2001, the state of Texas spent an estimated \$10.5 billion in costs related to obesity. These numbers are projected to rise in the future. Increasing public awareness of obesity as a public health issue is Goal One as laid out in the Statewide Obesity Taskforce's Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Obesity in Texas.

CSHB 2313 designates the second full week in September each year as Obesity Awareness Week in Texas in order to raise awareness of the health risks associated with obesity and to encourage Texans to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

CSHB 2313 designates the second full week in September as obesity awareness week.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

CSHB 2313 modifies the original by designating the second full week in September, rather than May, as obesity awareness week.