

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
COUNTY AGENCY LEGISLATIVE COMMENT REQUEST FORM

Reviewing Agency: Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement

Bill/Resolution Number: CB-71 [Healthy Children's Meals and Beverages]

Brief Summary of the Bill/Resolution: This bill relates to making changes to improve the food that is served to children at food service establishments by defining a children's meal, a food service facility, covered establishments, etc. It also spells out nutritional requirements for children's meals and establishes enforcement and penalties for those who fail to provide per the legislation.

Agency Impact:

Will this bill impact your Agency financially or operationally, or your Agency's mission?

Yes No Undeterminable at this time

If yes, please select the appropriate impact: Positive Impact Negative Impact No Impact

Discussion of Impact: All enforcement actions listed in this bill require food establishment inspections and that is the purview of the Health Department, not DPIE. This legislation as written is relatively unenforceable from our perspective. The only enforcement action the DPIE Zoning unit would take is to revoke the Use and Occupancy permit of the restaurant/food establishment for operating outside their stated use at the request of the Health Department. That action can only happen if the Health Department fines and closes an establishment and they reopen in violation of the Health Department order.

Fiscal Impact: If this bill were to be amended and pass, we would need one or two additional personnel in Enforcement's Zoning unit.

Agency Position Recommendation:

Support Oppose Support with Amendments No position

Please specify any suggested amendments in the space below?

Additional Information:

Has your agency been contacted by the State Department of Legislative Services staff regarding this proposal?

Yes No

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