

Joint Committee on Agriculture

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.113

Title: Resolve to make America healthy again

Sponsors: Representative Boldyga of Southwick

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Similar Matters: None

Prior History:

New file; No prior history

CURRENT LAW:

None

SUMMARY:

This resolve establishes a special commission to study the safety of food additives. The Commission would consist of 16 members:

3 medical professionals with expertise in public health, nutrition, or endocrinology, appointed by the Governor,

2 registered dietitians specializing in clinical nutrition and public health nutrition, appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services,

2 agricultural food scientists with knowledge of food safety and additive effects, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources,

1 representative from the Department of Public Health,

1 representative from the Massachusetts Food Association,

1 consumer advocate with experience in food safety and consumer rights, appointed by the Attorney General,

1 environmental scientist with expertise on the environmental impact of food production, appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs,

1 pediatrician appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health,

4 representatives from a local farmers' market or organic or regenerative farming group, with 2 appointed by the House Speaker and 2 appointed by the Senate President.

This Commission is to study the health effects of high fructose corn syrup, seed oils, artificial dyes, MSG, artificial sweeteners, trans fats, sodium nitrate and nitrite, BPA, and other substances they deem important.

The Commission is to report with an assessment of health impacts, and legislative recommendations to the Governor and the Clerks of the House and Senate. This report would also be released publicly.

The Commission would be appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund over its two years in operation for expenditures.