

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2005, an estimated 64 percent of adult Texans were overweight or obese according to the 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.

H.B. 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

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter E, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.152, as follows:

Sec. 662.152. OBESITY AWARENESS WEEK. Provides that the second full week in September is obesity awareness week to raise awareness of the health risks associated with obesity and to encourage Texans to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.