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## PROHIBIT FOOD PRODUCT DISPARAGEMENT

**House Bill 4634**

**Sponsor: Rep. Michelle McManus**

**Committee: Consumer Protection**

**Complete to 7-28-97**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4634 AS INTRODUCED 4-15-97**

House Bill 4634 would create a new act to allow damages to be awarded for false or misleading statements of fact regarding food or beverages offered or sold for human consumption. Specifically, a person would be liable if he or she made a factual assertion about a food product that was not supported by scientific or other evidence to someone other than the producer, distributor or seller of the food product. The person who made the false or misleading factual assertion would be liable for all damages that were proximately caused by that assertion.

[Note: House Bill 4634 is similar to House Bill 4660, which would amend the Revised Judicature Act to create a cause of action for disparaging agricultural products.]

**House Bill 4634 (7-28-97)**

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