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Senate Bill 351 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Irwin Committee: Health Policy

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Breastfeeding Antidiscrimination Act to prohibit discrimination in places of public accommodation or public service against an individual because the individual was expressing human milk.

MCL 37.232

## **BRIEF RATIONALE**

Expressing milk is the process of removing milk from a breast at a time other than when a baby is feeding. There are two methods of expressing milk: 1) using a manual or electric device known as a pump (referred to as 'pumping'); and 2) using hands (referred to as 'hand expression'). According to testimony, 90% of families that have an infant express milk. Some people believe that prohibiting discrimination against an individual expressing milk in public would further afford that individual opportunities to maintain consistent work hours and save money by providing food for the baby, among other benefits.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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