

House File 2438

H-8067

1 Amend House File 2438 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. FOOD SECURITY WORKGROUP — ACTION PLAN. The
5 department of public health in collaboration with the —
6 department of human services shall convene a workgroup that
7 includes a wide range of individuals and sectors including
8 but not limited to food assistance providers, local food
9 producers, business and community members and organizations,
10 local and regional government and nonprofit agencies, and
11 food assistance recipients to develop an action plan that
12 provides a comprehensive and targeted approach to addressing
13 food insecurity in the state. The workgroup shall determine
14 the prevalence of food insecurity in the state by assessing the
15 number, geographic location, and demographic characteristics of
16 Iowans who are food insecure, the number of Iowans who utilize
17 food banks, food pantries, or other federal and community food
18 assistance programs, and the number of families with children
19 who participate in the national school lunch program; and
20 shall evaluate the costs of food insecurity to the state's
21 economy including the workforce, education, and health sectors
22 as well as the detrimental effects on individual and family
23 stability, opportunities, and quality of life. The workgroup
24 shall consider the factors that influence the availability,
25 cost, and quality of food to Iowa households, and shall create
26 an action plan that maximizes and streamlines state and federal
27 funding and program opportunities and that incorporates best
28 practices, local and regional initiatives, and cross-sector
29 and rural-urban partnerships to provide healthy, affordable,
30 accessible food to all Iowans. The workgroup shall submit
31 the action plan to the governor and the general assembly by
32 December 15, 2022.>

33 2. Title page, line 1, after <integrity> by inserting <by
34 convening a food security workgroup and developing an action
35 plan>

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