



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 625**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 7, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 625 creates the Commonsense Consumption Act. The Act limits civil liability actions brought against any manufacturer, packer, distributor, carrier, holder, seller, marketer, or advertiser of food for any claim arising out of an individual's weight gain or obesity, a health condition associated with weight gain or obesity, or other generally known condition allegedly caused by or allegedly likely to result from the long-term consumption of food. LB 625 does not preclude civil liability if the claim is based on a material violation of an adulteration or misbranding requirement prescribed by statute or regulation or if the material violation of federal or state law applicable to the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, advertising, labeling or sale of food is knowing and willful. The Act would apply to claims filed on or after January 1, 2008.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator L. Patrick Engel**