IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

GEOFFREY R. LAWSON, SR.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

BRENT CARNEY, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-CV-00184-JPH

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND DENYING AS MOOT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SERVE DEFENDANT SABATINO

Plaintiff, a prisoner at Airway Heights Corrections Center, moved for a preliminary injunction. He alleges he cannot eat the kosher diet provided to him because it contains soy and he is allergic to it. ECF No. 2. He appears pro se. Defendants Carney, Knie, Luce and Murphy, represented by Assistant Attorney General Brian J. Considine and Assistant Attorney General Jerry P. Scharosch, have responded. ECF No. 16. [Defendant Sabatino has not been served, ECF No. 16 at n.1, but Assistant

Attorney General Jerry P. Scharosch has appeared on Sabatino's behalf, making Plaintiff's motion to serve Sabatino, **ECF No. 23, moot**.] Plaintiff's request for an extension of time for filing a reply was granted and any reply was due October 27, 2015. ECF No. 18, 19. Plaintiff untimely filed a reply on November 5, 2015. The Court considered the untimely filed reply. ECF No. 23. The Court decided the motion on the date signed below. After considering the matter,

IT IS ORDERED:

The Court **denies** the motion for a preliminary injunction, **ECF No. 2,** at this time. Presently Plaintiff fails to show he is likely to prevail on the merits of his claim of a food allergy, but it is unclear. At this time it is also unclear whether he suffers irreparable injury as a result of receiving kosher meals. And at this stage it is unclear whether equity and public interest warrant the extraordinary and drastic remedy of a preliminary injunction. *See Mazuek v. Armstrong*, 520 U.S. 968, 972 (1997)(citation omitted).

Accordingly, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants are ordered to arrange for the Plaintiff to be medically tested for any soy or other food allergies and provide those results to the Plaintiff within 30 days of this Order. If said medical testing reveals a soy or other food allergy, Plaintiff is granted leave to seek further relief from the Court.

1	DATED this 12th day of November, 2015.
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4	JAMES P. HUTTON UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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