



CALFRESH 2017 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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2016 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES CA LEGISLATURE RESPONDS TO HUNGER

California's Legislature Responding to Hunger w/ CalFresh

- SB 1232 (Leno) The Work Number – Real Time & Fair Verification
- SB 1339 (Monning) Inter-County Transfers
- AB 1747 (Weber) College Student Hunger
- AB 2057 (Stone) Domestic Violence CalFresh
- AB 1770 (Alejo) Immigrant Hunger – **Vetoed (Sad Face)**

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CALFRESH OVERISSUANCE COST EFFECTIVE AND FAIR COLLECTION

Senate Bill 167 (Skinner)

CalFresh Success in Re-Entry

- Require CDSS to seek a waiver to allow for CalFresh Pre-Enrollment for people exiting prison or jail.
- Establish roles for County Human Services Agencies for pre-enrollment implementation.
- Require the state to seek a statewide MOU to cover all prisons in California (currently only 38% covered) which allow for people who are incarcerated to apply for a replacement SSI card or for SSI/SSP benefits.

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GET THE FACTS: REPORT ON THE CALFRESH UPON RE-ENTRY

Repeal of the Lifetime Ban on Basic Needs and Job Training & Supports Signed Into Law (June 2014)



Realignment: the policy opportunity for a CalFresh pre-enrollment program

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Senate Bill to Be Introduced (Wiener)

CalFresh Overissuance Bill will:

- Change “May” to “Shall” in existing law requiring state to establish a CalFresh Overissuance Cost Effective Threshold.
- Require counties to report when a mass overissuance has been caused by county action or inaction.
- Require the state to review to determine if the impacted recipients should be protected by food stamp law established in the 2008 Farm bill which deems the county or state responsible for the re-payment of the overissuance in cases of negligence or large systems failure.

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CALFRESH FOR VULNERABLE CALIFORNIANS ABAWD E&T & RESTAURANT MEAL PROGRAM

Senate Bill to Be Introduced (Wiener)

The CalFresh for Vulnerable Californians bill will:

- Codify the Restaurant Meals Program in CA law.
- Require the State to, with appropriate federal approval, establish a subsidized employment program for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) through our CalFresh Employment and Training Program.

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GET THE FACTS: A PRIMER ON THE RESTAURANT MEAL PROGRAM ONLINE

A Primer on the Restaurant Meals Program in California

Preventing Hunger Among the Elderly, Disabled & Homeless in the Golden State

Samantha Hodges, Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow, February 2012



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COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER – TAKE THREE NEW LEGISLATION WILL BILL OF PAST WINS

AB 214 (Weber & Skinner) CalFresh Student Rules

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- ❑ Defines what half-time means for the purposes of establishing who the student rules apply to in Federal & State law.
- ❑ Clarifies rules related to AB 1747 (Weber, 2016)
 - Requires RMP Application for Colleges in Participating Counties
 - Codifies practice of allowing public colleges & universities to participate in the State's CalFresh Outreach Program
- ❑ Codifies decisions made in workgroup established by 1930 (Skinner, 2014). AB 1930 establishes list of programs exempt & a verification process.

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GET THE FACTS: FACTSHEETS ON ANTI-HUNGER LEGISLATION AVAILABLE ONLINE



New Tools to Reduce College Campus Hunger AB 1747 (Weber) Implementation Fact Sheet – October 1, 2016

YOUNGINVINCIBLES

According to California State University (CSU), one in five CSU students experience hunger and one in ten experience homelessness.ⁱ In a survey recently conducted by the University of California Regents, it was found that one in ten University of California (UC) students do not have access to adequate food or nutrition.ⁱⁱ Furthermore, nationwide lab reports show that half of all community college students are struggling with housing and/or food insecurity.ⁱⁱⁱ

Assembly Bill 1747, authored by Dr. Shirley Weber and signed by Governor Jerry Brown last month, addresses growing hunger among low-income college students in California.^{iv} The bill provides the state with several new tools to draw down federal resources and aims to improve coordination between anti-hunger efforts on college campuses and anti-hunger efforts in the surrounding communities.^v



CalFresh Student Work Rule Federal Law Restrictions & Recent State Law Provisions

When children born into the bottom fifth of the income distribution get a college degree, their chances of making it to the top fifth nearly quadruple, and their chances of making it out of the bottom increase by more than 50 percent.¹ Opportunities for low-income high school graduates to escape poverty and climb into the middle class by attaining a college degree have narrowed over the past two decades.² Several reports have documented the decline in low-income students attending college.³ Meanwhile, college students from low-income families who do attend college, are less able to finish and more likely to be strapped with unbearable debt if they do graduate.⁴

Be sure to visit the webinar page or WCLP's resource page for advocates to find factsheets on AB 1930 (Skinner) and AB 1747 (Weber).

<https://wclp.org/advocate-resources/public-benefits/>

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