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COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER

AB 1894 (Weber) would address college student hunger by allowing the California State University (CSU) Chancellor to apply for the CalFresh Restaurant Meal Program (RMP) on all CSU College Campuses even if the county does not participate in RMP.

SB 1275 (Stern) would create the Plan Against College Hunger (PACH) to be administered by the Student Aid Commission which, once adequately funded, would be used to award a college meal plan, worth 10 meals per week, to public college and university students who are low-income.



BENEFIT ADEQUACY

AB 1952 (Mayes) would AB create a process to bring together food system stakeholders to engage and collaborate at the local, regional and state levels to remove barriers to adequate, nutritious food choices and ensure that a vibrant and sustainable food system is available across all communities statewide.

AB 2297 (Arambula) would increase CalFresh benefits by the same amount it would have been if Congress did not end the boost to the benefits established in 2010 & make changes to how the CalWORKs special food needs supplement would be delivered and for which purposes.



BENEFIT ADEQUACY - CONTINUED

AB 1883 (Weber) would exclude the military basic allowance for housing (BAH) for active military from being reported as income when determining eligibility for child care and early education programs and create a program to provide CalFresh benefits to low-income Military Families who are made eligible because federal Supplemental Nutrition Advocacy law and guidance requires the BAH to be counted as income.



ABAWD AND E&T

AB 1892 (Jones-Sawyer) would make various changes to transitional CalFresh benefits and Employment and Training program.

AB 2152 (Weber) would require DSS to consult with health professionals and other key stakeholders & determine the number of days that someone would experience hunger before they would be determined “unfit for work,” and, therefore, exempt from the CalFresh 3 month time limit for adults deemed able-bodied pursuant to federal law and guidance.



MODERNIZING & STREAMLINING

SB 675 (Skinner) would ensure adequate customer service for people purchasing food using EBT.

AB 1957 (Berman) would modernize state laws governing communication for public social services, while ensuring the rights of applicants and recipients are protected.

AB 3033 (Maienschein) is a placeholder bill that would require the information from the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) application for persons eligible for CalFresh to populate in the Statewide Automated Welfare System.



THANK YOU!

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