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### SB 240 – Healthy Food Donation Tax Credit Extension

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill will help increase access to fresh and healthy food by extending to the state's tax credit for donations of food to qualified nonprofit organizations, such as food banks, to 2027.

#### **BACKGROUND**

California's agricultural industry is the leading producer of agricultural products in the United States, and is a major contributing factor to California's position as the fifth largest economy in the world. However, nearly one in every four Californians currently faces food insecurity. While the San Joaquin Valley produces nearly half of our nation's fresh produce, it also has some of the highest rates of food insecurity in the country.

According to the most recent Census Household Pulse Survey, 1 in 4 California households is food insecure, with even higher rates among Latinx and Black households with children. Nearly 1 million Californians, both urban and rural, live in food deserts and spend an inordinate amount of time and money simply trying to find healthful food for their families. It is often food banks that provide relief for these families.

Since the establishment of this tax credit in 2011 it has proven to be effective, further encouraging those involved in agricultural production to make donations to those in need. The credit results in donations worth millions of dollars to the 41 member food banks of the California Association of Food Banks. These food banks then provide food to over 6,000 nonprofits agencies throughout California.

By extending the sunset date for this tax credit, SB 240 will help to alleviate the food insecurity that too many California families face each year, while preventing food loss proven to drive climate change, and supporting our hard hit agricultural sector with a modest incentive to cover their picking & pack out, cold storage, and other costs to donate.

#### **THIS BILL**

SB 240 would provide needed certainty to food donors by extending the authorization for the healthy food donation tax credit until January 1, 2027.

#### **SUPPORT**

California Association of Food Banks (Sponsor)  
Alameda County Community Food Bank  
Community Action Agency of Butte County  
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino  
Feeding San Diego  
Food for People  
Ford Street Project  
Hunger Action LA  
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank  
Public Health Advocates  
Redwood Empire Food Bank  
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services  
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County  
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley  
Sierra Harvest  
SLO Food Bank  
St. Anthony Foundation

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