

# HB25-1166 Efforts to Reduce Food Waste

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CDPHE currently manages the “**Statewide voluntary sustainability program**” Intended to support and reward businesses, nonprofits, local governments, schools, and higher education institutions to move the state towards greener business practices. This bill includes food waste reduction strategies as a tool for addressing hunger and sustainability. According to “Feeding America”...



**Food industry generates  
52% of Food Waste**



**145 Billion Meals  
in the landfill**



**38% of food unsold  
and uneaten**

- **Education:** This bill directs the department to include food waste reduction as an element of their programs, provide training materials that promote food waste prevention and reduction strategies.
- **Encouragement:** The bill expands language in existing statute which encourages donations from food establishments, to include the donation through online applications, and to encourage making hot prepared food benefits-eligible through chilling and freezing.
- **Protection:** The bill expands protections to farmers, non-profit organizations, faith groups, and businesses from inadvertent liability arising from their distributions of donated food to non-profits and individuals, where they have not been negligent.
- **Clarity:** It encourages locally prepared food labeling practices that avoid confusion caused by conflicting “sell by” and “use by” dates, and recommends using standard “use by” labeling.



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