

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE
3 LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
4 EXISTING PROGRAMS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE IN SCHOOL FOOD
5 PROGRAMS AND TO STUDY WAYS TO CREATE AND EXPAND POLICIES THAT
6 ALLOW UNUSED OR UNEATEN FOOD TO GO TO THE BENEFIT OF HUNGRY
7 CHILDREN.

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9 WHEREAS, New Mexico consistently ranks in the top five
10 states nationally for the number of children living in
11 poverty and experiencing hunger; and

12 WHEREAS, school food programs are an important tool in
13 the fight against childhood hunger; and

14 WHEREAS, some existing food policy regulations result in
15 food going to waste rather than going to feed hungry
16 children; and

17 WHEREAS, United States department of agriculture
18 regulations allow for the donation of unused food to specific
19 food programs but limit distribution outlets for smaller,
20 rural communities; and

21 WHEREAS, school food program personnel have indicated a
22 desire to be able to provide more unused food to hungry
23 children;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of maximizing all

1 available resources to reduce school food waste and to
2 provide more food directly to hungry children be affirmed;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
5 study committee and the legislative health and human services
6 committee be requested to review existing programs to reduce
7 food waste in school food programs and to study ways to
8 create and expand policies that allow unused or uneaten food
9 to go to the benefit of hungry children; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the chairs of the legislative education study
12 committee and the legislative health and human services
13 committee.

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