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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, United States department of agriculture

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1 regulations allow for the donation of unused food to specific  
2 food programs but limit distribution outlets for smaller, rural  
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, school food program personnel have indicated a  
5 desire to be able to provide more unused food to hungry  
6 children;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
8 OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of maximizing all available  
9 resources to reduce school food waste and to provide more food  
10 directly to hungry children be affirmed; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education  
12 study committee and the legislative health and human services  
13 committee be requested to review existing programs to reduce  
14 food waste in school food programs and to study ways to create  
15 and expand policies that allow unused or uneaten food to go to  
16 the benefit of hungry children; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the chairs of the legislative education study  
19 committee and the legislative health and human services  
20 committee.

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