



2015 Nutrition Legislation Update

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Assembly Nutrition Bills

Bill	Author	Subject	Status (6/9/2015)
AB 292	Santiago	Time to Eat School Lunch: as amended, would ensure that students have enough time to sit down and eat a nutritious lunch at school – at least 20 minutes after receiving their lunch. As amended, allows schools to work toward increasing time to eat if 20 minutes is not immediately available to students at bill implementation.	Passed Assembly Floor
AB 496	Rendon	Pupil Nutrition & Drinking Water: as amended, would allow school districts to use funds received by CDE through state and federal sources for water quality projects, including but not limited to, water treatment, water facilities restructuring, water filling stations and maintenance of water facilities. Improves schools' ability to meet the requirement to provides access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times.	Passed Assembly Floor
AB 515	Eggman	Income Tax Credit for Food Bank Donations: as amended, would expand the list of fresh and processed agricultural items eligible for the credit beyond produces, simplify the credit by moving to 15% of wholesale, and extend the sunset to 2021.	Passed Assembly Floor

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AB 608	Gordon	CalFresh & School Meals: would require County Human Services Agencies to provide low-income families with children applying for CalFresh with information regarding their eligibility for WIC, NSLP, SBP and SFSP.	Senate Human Services on 6/9
AB 1321	Ting	Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program: as amended, would create the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program. The program would award grants to certified farmers' markets that double the amount of nutrition benefits available to low-income consumers when purchasing California fresh fruits, nuts, and vegetables. The program would also allow up to one-third of grant funds to be awarded to small businesses that provide such matching nutrition incentives, in order to reach low-income Californians residing in food deserts with limited access to farmers' markets. Grants would be prioritized in disadvantaged communities with a high prevalence of diabetes and obesity to ensure a focus on expanding access to fresh, healthy food. <i>*Note: there is a parallel budget advocacy effort to allocate \$2.5 million from the state GF for the grant making program.</i>	Passed Assembly Floor

Senate Nutrition Bills

Bill	Author	Subject	Status (6/9/2015)
SB 334	Leyva	Pupil Nutrition & Drinking Water: as amended, would require CDE to work with CDPH to develop guidelines and best practices to ensure that drinking water lead hazards are minimized in schools. The bill would also prohibit drinking water that does not meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standards for lead from being provided at a school facility and would require a school district that has such drinking water to identify the most urgent mitigation needs and develop a protocol or plan for mitigation. Lastly, the bill would require CDPH to test drinking water sources for lead and would require a school district to report information related to this testing to CDE and CDPH.	Passed Senate Floor
SB 708	Mendoza	School Meal Online Applications: would establish guidelines for the use of online school meal applications while protecting the privacy of families applying online. SB 708 would require that online school meal applications (1) include links to all translations made available online by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, (2) only request information that is necessary to make an eligibility determination, and (3) protect the privacy and rights of any family submitting an application by clarifying that information gathered via the online application can only be used for the purpose of administering the school food program. In addition, SB 708 would require all online and paper applications to include clear instructions for families that are homeless or include migrant workers.	Passed Senate Floor

Held Nutrition Bills

Bill	Author	Subject	Status (6/9/2015)
AB 1240	Bonta & Thurmond	Breakfast After the Bell: would have required schools to make practical changes to their meal programs in order to increase access and participation in the school breakfast program. These changes, including serving breakfast after the bell, would have aligned with levels of school and student need, making the most efficient use of existing state and federal funds.	Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 1357	Bloom	SSB Fee: would have provided funding to combat the harmful effects and economic burden of the overconsumption of sugar-sweetened beverages in our state by imposing a fee on SSB distributors of \$0.02 per fluid ounce.	Held in Assembly Health
SB 203	Monning	SSB Warning Label: would have required warning labels be placed on sugary drink containers to let consumers know vital information about the health dangers related to what they drink.	Held in Senate Health
SB 297	McGuire	Public Benefit Eligibility: as amended, would have required CDSS to (1) issue guidance to counties for accepting, processing and storing electronic signatures, (2) establish a state data hub for counties to use, at their option, when recording electronic voice signatures, (3) clarified existing law regarding what instances require a face-to-face interview versus a telephone interview, and (4) required that any data hub be compatible with appropriate existing electronic verification, case management and eligibility systems.	Held in Senate Appropriations
SB 306	Hertzberg	CalFresh & Work Requirements: would have required counties and eligible areas to participate in any state requested waiver and does not provide the option to exempt an eligible county or area. Additionally, the bill would have mandated that when a waiver is not in place, all CalFresh ABAWD recipients are provided the option of a county administered E&T Program placement.	Held in Senate Appropriations

Anti-Poverty Bills of Interest

Bill	Author	Subject	Status (6/9/2015)
AB 43	Stone	State Earned Income Tax Credit: would create a state earned income tax for Californians who are eligible for the federal EITC only in taxable years in which the Legislature provides for it in the state budget.	Passed Assembly Floor
AB 474	Brown	SSI Benefit Increase: would increase Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grants for individuals to 112% FPL or \$1,099 a month in current dollars	Referred to Committee on Budget
SB 3	Leno	Minimum Wage Adjustment: would raise the minimum wage in CA to \$11/hr in Jan 2016 and \$13/hr in Jan 2017 with annual adjustments for inflation thereafter beginning Jan 2019.	Passed Senate Floor
SB 23	Mitchell	Repeal Maximum Family Grant (MFG): would repeal the CalWORKs MFG rule. Budget advocacy has also led to the inclusion of the repeal in the Assembly and Senate Budget proposals.	Passed Senate Floor
SB 38	Liu	State Earned Income Tax Credit: would allow for a refundable earned income credit to eligible individuals equal to the earned income tax credit allowed by federal law in an amount determined by the earned income tax credit adjustment factor as determined in the annual Budget Act.	Passed Senate Floor

Questions?

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