



California Hunger Action Coalition

Legislative Update as of June 7, 2011

Below are an **update** of legislation you advocated for on Hunger Action Day. See what happened and what else you can do to make these bills become law.

AB 6 (Fuentes) The CalFresh Act of 2011: This bill will increase access to and participation in CalFresh by eliminating the finger print imaging requirement, moving to semi-annual reporting and implementing a “Heat and Eat” initiative.

Update: AB 6 passed the Assembly floor on June 1st with 49 votes in favor. It is now heading to the Senate Committee on Human Services and *letters of support are due by June 21st* ([status page](#)).

AB 69 (Beall) Increase Access to CalFresh for Seniors: This bill would allow the legislature to direct the Department of Social Services to establish a county opt-in in conjunction with the Social Security Administration to test streamlined strategies to enroll eligible Social Security recipients over the age of 65 into CalFresh.

Update: AB 6 passed the Assembly floor on June 1st with 54 votes in favor. It is now heading to the Senate Committee on Human Services and *letters of support are due by June 21st* ([status page](#)).

AB 152 (Fuentes) Support California Growers and Donations to CA Food Banks: This bill makes more healthy food available to low-income Californians by creating a state emergency food assistance program and by providing a tax credit for California growers who donate fresh fruits and vegetables to California food banks.

Update: AB 152 passed the Assembly floor on May 31st with 76 votes in favor. It is now heading to the Senate Committee on Health and please *submit letters of support as soon as possible* (hearing date TBD) ([status page](#)).

AB 828 (Swanson) End the Lifetime Ban on CalFresh for Former Non-Violent Drug Offenders: A combination of social and legal barriers prevents many former non-violent drug offenders from successfully re-entering their communities. Additionally, these former offenders are prohibited from ever receiving CalFresh benefits, which are critical for a successful transition to self-sufficiency. Without benefits that provide access to basic food, nutrition, and a safety net for families, poverty and further crime are far more likely.

Update: AB 828 passed off of the Assembly floor on May 23rd with 46 votes in favor. It is now heading to the Senate Committee on Human Services and *letters of support are due by June 7th* ([status page](#)).

AB 839 (Brownley) Putting Breakfast First: This bill would require schools to (1) publicly consider the benefits and challenges of operating SBP at schools where the program is not offered, (2) resolve to implement SBP or resolve to continue non-operation, (3) Publicly consider the benefits and challenges of strategies to increase SBP participation at schools where a significant percentage of low-income students are not reached by the program or where a large number of low-income students eat school lunch but not school breakfast and (4) resolve to implement new SBP strategies or resolve to continue operating the program unchanged.

Update: AB 839 passed off the Assembly Floor on June 2nd with 51 votes in favor. It is now heading to the Senate Committee on Education and *letters of support are due by June 15th* ([status page](#)).

SB 43 (Liu) Help Unemployed Keep CalFresh Benefits and Increase Employability : This bill brings more uniformity to the minimum work requirements for participation in the CalFresh program and offers additional ways to meet those work requirements. SB 43 will help unemployed Californians get the food assistance they need during economic crisis and help them meet the work requirements of CalFresh, all at no cost to the state.

Update: SB 43 passed unanimously out of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on May 26th and the Senate floor on June 1st. It is now heading to the Assembly Human Services Committee and *letters of support are due by the by June 7th* ([status page](#)).

**** Note:** If CHAC bills make it through their respective Policy Committee(s) (e.g. Human Services) they will then head to Appropriations Committee. If you miss the first deadline or would like to send an additional letter of support, please address the letter to the Senate or Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair.