

**CHAPTER 32****( SJR 218 )**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing state agencies to conduct self-studies to examine current practices that contribute to food waste and to identify opportunities to reduce food waste by increasing donations to charitable feeding agencies.

WHEREAS, one in six Kentuckians and one in five Kentucky children suffers from food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has previously adopted measures to alleviate food insecurity in Kentucky, most recently with the unanimous enactment of House Bill 237 in 2017; and

WHEREAS, although millions of Americans struggle with food insecurity, numerous studies indicate that a significant portion of the food produced in the United States is needlessly wasted; and

WHEREAS, employees within the various cabinets, departments, and agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky may occasionally cook, prepare, or serve food in the course of their service to the people of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the cabinets, departments, and agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky may occasionally enter into contracts with vendors to serve food at meetings, conferences, and other events; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Association of Food Banks comprises seven regional food banks that serve all 120 counties in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's seven regional food banks work in partnership with more than 800 charitable feeding agencies, including pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters; and

WHEREAS, many charitable feeding agencies in Kentucky have sufficient storage capacity to accept, store, and distribute prepared foods;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. Each cabinet, department, and agency of the Commonwealth shall conduct a self-study to examine current practices that contribute to food waste, and identify new practices that would reduce food waste and increase food donations to charitable feeding agencies such as pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

➔Section 2. Each cabinet, department, and agency shall submit a written report of its findings from the studies required by Section 1 of this Resolution to the Legislative Research Commission's Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture by October 31, 2018.

➔Section 3. The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall develop food waste reduction guidelines to be used by cabinets, departments, and agencies of the Commonwealth in food purchasing contracts with vendors.

➔Section 4. The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall submit a written report of the task identified in Section 3 of this Resolution to the Legislative Research Commission's Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture by October 31, 2018.

➔Section 5. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Matthew G. Bevin, 700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Secretary of the Executive Cabinet Scott Brinkman, 700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; and Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet William Landrum, 702 Capital Avenue, Suite 383, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**Signed by Governor March 29, 2018.**