

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

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

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has previously adopted measures to alleviate
7 food insecurity in Kentucky, most recently with the unanimous enactment of House Bill
8 237 in 2017; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. Each cabinet, department, and agency of the Commonwealth shall
27 conduct a self-study to examine current practices that contribute to food waste, and

1 identify new practices that would reduce food waste and increase food donations to
2 charitable feeding agencies such as pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

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

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

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

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