

6157-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Talmadge, Winsley, Wojahn, McAuliffe and Fraser)

Brief Description: Addressing hunger in the state of Washington.

SB 6157-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the office of antihunger to act as a clearing house to coordinate state hunger programs among state agencies that provide food, food stamps, nutrition education or distribution.

Creates the good samaritan food donation act to encourage and facilitate the donation and gleaning of surplus commodities and nonmarketable product by dealers, handlers, and producers.

Provides some immunity from civil liability for good faith donations of food products.

Provides statutory authority for the Washington national guard antihunger program.

Encourages relaxation of regulatory barriers to backhauling by transporters of donated food and grocery products.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to apply for all available federal funds to provide food services for schools.

Establishes criteria for severe-need schools.

Establishes a task force to increase the number of persons being served by the WIC program.

Creates the position of tribal nutritionist to assist Washington's Native American tribes in improving nutrition services.

Repeals RCW 69.80.030 and 69.80.040.

Makes various appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.