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1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1734 (Stefani) - Count Hunger Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1734, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Catherine Stefani, which will authorize the creation of a two-year**
5 **pilot program that funds California's food insecurity research following federal cuts to**
6 **the program by the Trump Administration and will expand survey screening to**
7 **households earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, ensuring California can**
8 **track how President Donald Trump's proposed cuts affect hunger across income**
9 **levels.**

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11 WHEREAS, In October 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
12 announced its cessation of funding to the USDA Hunger Survey on food insecurity; and

13 WHEREAS, The USDA Hunger Survey served as the most comprehensive, reliable
14 source of data for food insecurity and the foundation for empirical research for major
15 analyses, such as Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap that provides estimates of local food
16 insecurity and food costs on an annual basis to better understand people and places facing
17 hunger; and

18 WHEREAS, Research, both at the State and federal levels, has been guided by the
19 USDA Hunger Survey, and the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) fills a gap within the
20 State of California; and

21 WHEREAS, Administered by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), CHIS
22 annually collects the data of 25,000 households, looking at demographic, income, health, and
23 food insecurity, helping determine where policy interventions are most necessary; and

24 WHEREAS, In January 2026, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
25 informed UCLA that the federal funding utilized to conduct CHIS and collect the vital data was

1 cut by the Trump Administration's passage of House Resolution 1, an act to provide for
2 reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14; and

3 WHEREAS, In prior years, the CHIS screened for households who earned below 200%
4 of the federal poverty level (FPL), which was about \$64,000 annually for a family of four; and

5 WHEREAS, This cut-off excludes one-third of Californians who live 200% above the
6 FPL but live below their county's cost-of-living threshold, placing them in a situation where
7 they face food insecurity but do not qualify for assistance from the State or federal
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1734 (AB 1734) would authorize a pilot program to fund
10 CHIS and expand the eligibility threshold for households screened from 200% to 400% above
11 the FPL, allowing for the CHIS to examine food insecurity in middle-income families; and

12 WHEREAS, AB 1734 would additionally authorize the publication of state-wide and
13 local data on the existing AskCHIS reporting tool, ensuring the vital data will remain readily
14 available to policymakers combating food insecurity in California; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 supports AB 1734 (Stefani) as a means of combating hunger in California; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages timely adoption
18 and implementation of AB 1734 to reduce the number of households facing food insecurity in
19 California; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
21 copy of this resolution upon passage to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore
22 of the California State Senate, the Speaker of the California Assembly, Assemblymember
23 Catherine Stefani, and the offices of San Francisco's legislative delegation.

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**NO. 1734****Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani****February 05, 2026**

An act to add Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 28050) to Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to nutrition.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1734, as introduced, Stefani. Count Hunger Act.

Existing law declares the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to access sufficient affordable and healthy food. Existing law defines food insecurity as the occasional or constant lack of access to the food one needs to live a healthy life and the uncertainty of being able to acquire enough food to meet the needs of an individual or household due to insufficient money or other resources.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to consider the above-described state policy when establishing grant criteria pertinent to the distribution of sufficient affordable food. Existing law requires the department to administer or oversee various programs addressing nutrition, including, among other things, pupil access to healthy food and the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

This bill, the Count Hunger Act, would require the department to establish a 2-year pilot program, in collaboration with the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), to ensure that certain sets of questions linked to food insecurity are funded and covered within the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). The bill would define CHIS as the statewide health survey administered by UCLA and conducted annually through interviews with thousands of households in the state, as specified.

Under the bill, the CHIS portion relating to food insecurity would apply to all households whose income is at or below 400% of the federal poverty level. The bill would require UCLA, in collaboration with the department, to publish any available statewide-, regional-, and county-level data, as feasible, that are linked to the food insecurity portion, as specified.

The bill would condition implementation of these provisions on an appropriation by the Legislature and a resolution by the Regents of the University of California, for implementation in the 2027 and 2028 calendar years or as otherwise specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Count Hunger Act.

SEC. 2. Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 28050) is added to Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 26. California Health Interview Survey

28050. For purposes of this chapter, "California Health Interview Survey" or "CHIS" means the statewide health survey administered by the University of California at Los Angeles in collaboration with state departments and other agencies, and conducted annually through interviews with thousands of households in the state. The survey addresses various health matters, including, but not limited to, use of and access to health care, health conditions and behaviors, and a range of topics that influence health, such as public program participation, housing, income and employment, climate change, food, gun violence, and adverse childhood experiences.

28051. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall establish a two-year pilot program, in collaboration with UCLA, to ensure that the sets of questions linked to food insecurity, as those sets were implemented in the California Health Interview Survey for the 2025 calendar year, are funded and covered within the CHIS for purposes of the two years of the pilot program as described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (d).

(b) Within the sample of households surveyed for CHIS purposes, the CHIS portion relating to food insecurity, as described in subdivision (a), shall apply to all households whose income is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

(c) (1) UCLA, in collaboration with the department, shall publish any available statewide-, regional-, and county-level data, as feasible, that are linked to the food insecurity portion described in subdivision (a). UCLA shall post those data on the AskCHIS reporting tool of the CHIS internet website in a manner accessible to the public.

(2) Data published or posted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall exclude any personally identifiable information.

(d) (1) This section shall be implemented upon appropriation made by the Legislature for this purpose.

(2) This section shall not be applicable to UCLA unless the Regents of the University of California, by resolution, make this section applicable.

(3) The two-year pilot program described in this section shall be implemented for the 2027 and 2028 calendar years, or two subsequent calendar years, whichever is earlier based on when the appropriation described in paragraph (1) is made available.

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Hello,

Please see attached for the necessary documents for an introduction of a resolution from Supervisor Sherrill. The resolution is in support of Assembly Bill No. 1734 (Stefani). The California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities have **not** taken a support position the bill.

I have cc'd Tita (D3), Sam (D5), Natalie (D10), and Jackie (D11) to confirm their respective office's co-sponsorship.

Let me know if anything else is needed on this! Thank you.

Best,

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(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
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General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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