Resolve, To Reduce Food Waste in Schools

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, DOLLOFF of Rumford, HEAD of Bethel, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, McLEAN of Gorham, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TERRY of Gorham.
Sec. 1. Food sharing policy. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2020, the Department of Education shall develop a school food sharing policy to encourage schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and packaged school cafeteria surplus or leftover food and share it with the community. In developing the policy, the department shall consult the food recovery database maintained by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2137-A, which includes materials relating to the development and implementation of programs for the sharing of surplus or leftover food, including, but not limited to, share tables and food donation practices and programs.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop a school food sharing policy to encourage schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and packaged school cafeteria surplus or leftover food and share it with the community.