

AB 2054 (Thurmond): Fight Hunger with Summer EBT for Children



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Opportunity

Across California, two in every five low-income households with children cannot consistently afford enough food. That means children in at least 1.7 million California households live in food-insecure conditions.

Summer EBT for Children (SEBTC) is nutrition assistance used to purchase groceries when school is out of session & school meals are not available.

- SEBTC is a well-tested strategy to decrease hunger and improve nutrition.
- It has launched in eight states and two tribal nations, but not in California.
- Congress is poised to further increase the reach of these federal benefits.

Child Hunger



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Legislative Action

- AB 2054 would direct the State to (1) design a system to deliver SEBTC to eligible Californians and (2) pursue all available federal resources & authority to operate the system.

Why This Matters

Summer EBT for Children works, but it's not at work in California. SEBTC has been rigorously evaluated. With SEBTC, children are less likely to experience food insecurity and more likely consume fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods.

Research and common sense tell us that children need year-round access to nutritious meals. Those meals prevent chronic hunger and support optimal health, learning, and development.

**Summer Hunger
in California**

3 million kids who are eligible for federally funded free or reduced-price school lunches miss out on similar meals during the summer.

Fight hunger & help all kids thrive: don't let California miss out on Summer EBT for Children.

For more than 20 years, CFPA has been the state's trusted food policy advocacy organization dedicated to increasing low-income Californians' access to healthy food at home, at school, and throughout entire communities. CFPA's advocacy agenda draws on the anti-hunger, nutrition, and health movements. Working as both a policy leader and supportive policy ally, CFPA continues to build on its long history of success.