## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB23-1158 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 4, after line 25 insert:

"SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 26-2-144 as follows:

**26-2-144.** Food bank assistance grant program - creation - rules - definition. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "FOOD BANK" MEANS A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROCURE FOOD FROM RETAILERS, MANUFACTURERS, FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS, INDIVIDUAL DONORS, GROCERY STORES, RESTAURANTS, AND GOVERNMENT CHANNELS; AND STORE, TRANSPORT, AND DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD TO OTHER NONPROFIT CHARITABLE HUNGER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING FOOD PANTRIES AND HUNGER RELIEF PARTNER AGENCIES IN A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA.
- (b) "FOOD PANTRY" MEANS A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD AT NO COST DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED IN THE FOOD PANTRY'S LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TYPICALLY RECEIVES MOST OR ALL OF ITS FOOD FROM A PARTNER FOOD BANK, INCLUDING NONPROFIT PARTNER AGENCIES SUCH AS SOUP KITCHENS AND HOMELESS SHELTERS.
- (c) "Grant Program" means the food bank assistance grant program created in Subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE FOOD BANK ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF NUTRITIOUS FOOD THAT FOOD BANKS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE FOOD BANK'S HUNGER RELIEF PARTNERS.
- (3) Subject to available appropriations, the state department may provide grants of money to food banks to enhance the food bank's capacity to distribute quality foods to hunger relief partners. A food bank shall use the grant money to:
- (a) Increase the volume of food that is distributed to the food bank's hunger relief partners, including Colorado agricultural products; and
- (b) EXPAND CAPACITY TO DELIVER FOOD PRODUCTS TO HUNGER RELIEF PARTNERS, INCLUDING COLORADO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.
- (4) The state department may award grants to one or more food banks or food bank associations. In determining

AWARD AMOUNTS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

- (a) CONSIDER THE FOOD BANK'S OR FOOD BANK ASSOCIATIONS' ABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE QUALITY FOOD IN OPTIMAL CONDITION; AND
- (b) Ensure that the food bank or food bank association is serving all regions of Colorado, either through the food bank's or food bank associations' distribution network or through sub-agreements with entities who serve or will serve under-resourced communities.
- (5) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THE GRANTS AWARDED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AND MONITORING THE GRANT PROGRAM.
- (b) A FOOD BANK OR FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION MAY USE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE GRANT AWARD TO COVER THE FOOD BANK'S DIRECT COSTS IN DISTRIBUTING FOOD.
- (6) A FOOD BANK OR FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL NOT RESELL OR APPLY OTHER ASSOCIATED FEES TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PURCHASED WITH THE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE GRANT.".
- 21 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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