



Winter Forum on Innovation in Addressing Hunger

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Below is some information about the bills discussed. We encourage you to read these bills and contact your representatives to voice your support if you agree!

- An Act relative to universal school meals - require schools in the state to provide free breakfast and lunch each day. ([HD.766](#) & [SD.1013](#))
- An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program - increases SNAP recipients' ability to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables directly from, This legislation will establish the framework for the program's long-term sustainability. ([SD.63](#) & [HD.2737](#))
- An Act encouraging the donation of food to persons in need - thousands of tons of edible food are sent to landfills each year because of donors' concerns about liability, and because diverting it to those who need it can be costly. These bills will provide civil liability protection for individuals and food establishments who donate food directly to consumers, and a tax credit to Massachusetts farmers. ([SD.263](#) & [HD.223](#))
- An Act promoting equity in agriculture - will establish a commission charged with developing recommendations for Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to equitably serve socially disadvantaged farmers. ([SD.611](#) & [HD.498](#))

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