

## **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019**

**Legislative Document** House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

**Resolve, To Reduce Food Waste in Schools** 

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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.

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No. 541

1 Sec. 1. Food sharing policy. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2020, the 2 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 3 or leftover food and share it with the community. In developing the policy, the 4 department shall consult the food recovery database maintained by the Department of 5 Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 6 2137-A, which includes materials relating to the development and implementation of 7 programs for the sharing of surplus or leftover food, including, but not limited to, share 8 tables and food donation practices and programs. 9

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## **SUMMARY**

11 This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop a school food sharing 12 policy to encourage schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and 13 packaged school cafeteria surplus or leftover food and share it with the community.