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## **HB 179 –Summary of Changes ver A to ver E**

- Defines and uses “covered organization” to mean the list of organizations in section 3(4) of the prior version (version A) that are allowed to accept donations of wild food for their meal service programs. Expands the list of covered organizations listed in the prior version to add private schools; public, nonprofit, and private child care facilities, including preschools and head start programs; licensed residential psychiatric treatment centers; a wider variety of senior center facilities; and senior meal programs.
- Defines and uses “covered food item” to mean the food allowed to be donated to a covered organization under section 1 of version A, now section 1(b) of version E.
- Moves definition sections from Title 17 to Title 16. Defines additional terms.
- Removes personal use fish from the list of covered food items that can be donated. This means the status quo rules remain in place for personal use caught fish.
- Makes clear that all game, marine or aquatic plants, and nests or eggs of fish and game, not just those harvested for subsistence or sport, can be donated under the bill.
- Explicitly allows a covered organization to accept state funding, federal funding, and fees from staff and users for meals containing covered food items. Explicitly bars a covered organization from accepting payment for meals provided to people who are not staff or users, including the general public. Users are individuals a covered organization serves.
- Removes the specific language on food safety in Section 4(a) of version A. Discussions with DEC led to the conclusion that this language was better left to regulation.
- Standardizes language between the sections of the bill in Title 16 and Title 17, so that all sections refer to covered organizations and covered food items.
- Moves language on indemnification from liability for covered organizations to the existing section providing indemnification to food banks, rather than creating a separate section.