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## Map the Meal Gap 2016: Overall Food Insecurity in Alaska by County in 2014 <sup>1</sup>



County	Population	Food Insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance <sup>2</sup>		
				% below 130% poverty <small>SNAP, WIC, WIC school meals, CSF, LEAP</small>	% between 130% and 185% poverty <small>WIC, reduced price ALB/DLBPW</small>	% above 185% poverty <small>Charitable Resource</small>
Aleutians East Borough	3,296	14.3%	470	64%	36%	0%
Aleutians West Census Area	5,650	14.6%	830	47%	27%	26%
Anchorage Municipality	298,178	12.7%	37,940	39%	18%	43%
Bethel Census Area	17,576	21.8%	3,820	71%	22%	7%
Bristol Bay Borough	995	14.0%	140	29%	9%	62%
Denali Borough	2,048	14.9%	310	40%	14%	46%
Dillingham Census Area	4,956	17.8%	880	66%	27%	8%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	99,319	13.4%	13,300	35%	18%	46%
Haines Borough	2,557	15.3%	390	38%	32%	31%
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	2,126	20.2%	430	51%	20%	29%
Juneau City and Borough	32,200	11.3%	3,650	32%	12%	56%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	56,687	13.3%	7,530	43%	18%	39%
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,676	15.2%	2,080	43%	14%	44%
Kodiak Island Borough	13,924	13.0%	1,810	44%	17%	39%
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,490	20.5%	300	59%	25%	16%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	93,843	12.9%	12,110	45%	16%	39%
Nome Census Area	9,792	21.3%	2,090	76%	19%	5%
North Slope Borough	9,618	14.5%	1,400	44%	13%	43%
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,672	22.5%	1,730	65%	21%	14%
Petersburg Borough	3,212	14.7%	470	45%	13%	43%
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	6,356	18.2%	1,160	52%	23%	25%
Sitka City and Borough	8,957	12.8%	1,150	37%	11%	52%
Skagway Municipality	996	15.9%	160	18%	15%	67%
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	7,044	17.2%	1,210	49%	29%	22%
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,685	13.5%	1,300	52%	6%	42%
Wade Hampton Census Area	7,778	26.7%	2,080	85%	15%	0%
Wrangell City and Borough	2,383	14.8%	350	45%	21%	34%
Yakutat City and Borough	635	16.5%	100	30%	26%	44%
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	5,651	23.1%	1,300	64%	22%	14%
<b>State Total<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>736,732</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>105,770</b>	<b>44.5%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>

For additional data and maps by county, state, and congressional district, please visit [www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap](http://www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap).

Gundersen, C., A. Dewey, A. Crumbaugh, M. Kato & E. Engelhard. *Map the Meal Gap 2016: Food Insecurity and Child Food Insecurity Estimates at the County Level*. Feeding America, 2016. This research is generously supported by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and The Nielsen Company.

<sup>1</sup>Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2014 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2014 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, homeownership, and race and ethnic demographics; and 2014 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

<sup>2</sup>Numbers reflect percentage of food insecure individuals living in households with incomes within the income bands indicated. Eligibility for federal nutrition programs is determined in part by these income thresholds which can vary by state.

<sup>3</sup>Population and food insecurity data in the state totals row do not reflect the sum of all counties in that state. The state totals are aggregated from the congressional districts data in that state. All data in the state totals row pertaining to the cost of food or the "Meal Gap" reflect state-level data and are not aggregations of either counties or congressional districts.

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## REPRESENTATIVE DAVE TALERICO

### Sectional Analysis – House Bill 186

*"An Act relating to the donation of food; and relating to food banks."*

**Sec. 1 – AS 17.20.345**

Amends AS 17.20.345 (a) by adding charitable organizations in statute next to food banks to be able to receive donated food from donors who may donate their food free from liability.

Amends AS 17.20.345 (b)(1) by adding a sentence clarifying that the labels referenced in this statute do not include the new label referenced in section two of this bill; which requires heated donated food to be labeled.

Amends AS 17.20.345 (b) by adding a third bullet point allowing donors of food to donate food with an expired date on it.

Amends AS 17.20.345 (c) by adding charitable organizations in statute along with food banks to be able to receive donated salmon from hatcheries.

**Sec. 2 – AS 17.20.345**

Amends AS 17.20.345 is amended by adding a new section which allows donors of food to donate excess hot food to food banks and charities as long as they label it as previously heated food.

**Sec. 3 – AS 17.20.346**

Amends AS 17.20.346 (a) by adding charitable organizations in statute next to food banks to be free from liability to donate received food to hungry individuals as long as they first inspect it and deem it fit for human consumption.

Amends AS 17.20.346 (b) by adding charitable organizations in statute next to food banks to be free to receive donated food with an expired date on it.

**Sec. 4 – AS 17.20.347**

Amends AS 17.20.347 (1) by adding delicatessen, restaurant, hotel and store under the definition of donor.

Amends AS 17.20.347 (2) by deleting part of the definition of a food bank so as to separately define a nonprofit organization in a new section.

**Sec. 5 – AS 17.20.347**

Amends AS 17.20.347 by adding three new definitions namely

1. "charitable organization" means a nonprofit organization that provides food without charge to individuals who do not have money to pay for the food or who do not have homes;
2. "food" includes unsold hot food;
3. "nonprofit organization" means an organization recognized by the state or federal government as a nonprofit organization.

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March 17, 2017

Re: House Bill 186

To whom it may concern:

The Fairbanks Community Food Bank appreciates the efforts of House Bill 186 to encourage even more food philanthropy in Alaska. Without the donated food from our community we would be unable to serve Alaskans in need!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Anne Weaver', written over a horizontal line.

Anne Weaver  
CEO



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### Sponsor Statement for House Bill 186

*"An Act relating to the donation of food; and relating to food banks."*

HB 186 seeks to reduce the amount of wasted food in the state while increasing the amount of food donated to food banks and other charitable organizations. Nearly 15% of Alaskans fall into the category of food insecure individuals. Many businesses are currently donating excess food however many desire to do so but are not because of liability. Many charitable organizations do not receive sufficient food donations to feed the homeless and hungry that without such charities have no way to eat. These charities and people may greatly benefit from more donated food.

HB 186 will allow hotels, restaurants, stores and other food donors who choose to donate their excess unsold food or out dated food to donate to food banks or charitable organizations free from liability. This will open up the doors for thousands of pounds of new donated food to charities and thus help feed the nearly 15% hungry Alaskans. HB will require that all food donors that choose to donate hot excess food to simply label the donated hot food that can be frozen and re-served.

HB 186 will also reduce the amount of food put into our landfills which smells, attracts animals, birds and unnecessarily takes up space.

I urge your support for this bill to help reduce the amount of wasted food and increase the amount of donated food to decrease hunger in Alaska. Thank you!

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# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 186  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: HB186-DEC-FSS-03-24-17  
Title: FOOD DONATIONS  
Sponsor: TALERICO  
Requester: House Health and Social Services Committee

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation  
Appropriation: Environmental Health  
Allocation: Food Safety & Sanitation  
OMB Component Number: 2343

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB186

**Analysis**

**Analysis/Assumptions:**

The Department of Environmental Conservation has oversight of retail markets such as food banks and other organizations that receive donated food and distribute it to the public. This bill expands on statutes that relieve donors and food banks of liability related to the donation of food. Additionally, this bill allows food fit for human consumption to be donated, even if the "best by" date has expired. This is consistent with the Department's current regulations at 18 AAC 31 (Alaska Food Code).

The Alaska Food Code requirements apply to all current and future food bank type establishments, whether they are defined as a food bank or a charitable organization in the proposed bill. If passed, this bill will not change the way the Department regulates organizations that receive and distribute food.

There would be no fiscal impact to the Department.