



**STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**11:00am – 1:00pm**

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**MEMBERS:**

Mayor's Office (Chair) -- Edward McCaffrey

Supervisor Dean Preston -- Preston Kilgore

Supervisor Connie Chan -- Ian Fregosi

Assessor's Office -- Holly Lung

City Attorney's Office -- Rebekah Krell

Controller's Office -- Dan Kaplan

Treasurer's Office -- Eric Manke

**AGENDA**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2021.

**III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).** The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

**IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action).** Discussion and possible action item: the Committee with review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

## **New Business**

### **Commission of Animal Control & Welfare**

Presenter: Nina Irani

1. AB 558 (Nazarian): School meals: Child Nutrition Act of 2022

***Recommended Position: Support***

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The bill would also require the department, upon a one-time appropriation by the Legislature, to provide grants of up to \$100,000 to local educational agencies for additional purposes relating to the program.

2. AB 1289 (Kalra): Smart Climate Agriculture Program: plant-based agriculture

***Recommended Position: Support***

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The bill would require a person who receives a grant to provide a report, in consultation with a specified technical assistance provider, to the department that demonstrates that the person is transitioning to plant-based agriculture.

## **V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction and that do not appear on the agenda.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **January 26, 2022 State Legislation Committee**

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**STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**\*\*\*DRAFT MINUTES\*\*\***

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Held Via Videoconference**

**(remote public access provided via teleconference)**

**MEMBERS:**

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*Meeting commenced at 11:03am*

**AGENDA**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Edward McCaffrey, Preston Kilgore, Ian Fregosi, Holly Lung, Mary Jane Winslow, Dan Kaplan, and Eric Manke

**Absent:** None.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).**

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2021.

Public comment: David Pilpel commented on the contents of the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes and made suggestions for edits.

Motion to Approve: Holly Lung  
Seconded by: Edward McCaffrey  
Approved: 7-0

### **III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).**

The City's state lobbyist presented an update to the Committee State legislative matters.

### **IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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David Pilpel commented on state legislation regarding the Brown Act and personnel changes at the California Department of Health Care Services. Mr. Pilpel also suggested additional information to include on the meeting minutes and State Legislation Committee website.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting concluded at 11:27am*

<b>Date Submitted</b>	October 26, 2021
<b>Submitting Department</b>	Commission of Animal Control & Welfare
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<b>Reviewed and approved by Department Head?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Reviewed and approved by Commission?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**AB 558**  
**Asm. Nazarian: District 46, Democrat**  
**School meals: Child Nutrition Act of 2022**

**Recommended Position**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT if amended</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPPOSE</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER &amp; Describe</b> |  |

**Summary**

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The bill would authorize a local educational agency to apply for funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for reimbursement of up to \$0.20 per meal for meals that include a plant-based food option, as defined, or up to \$0.10 per meal for meals that include a plant-based milk option, as defined, or both.

The bill would also require the department, upon a one-time appropriation by the Legislature, to provide grants of up to \$100,000 to local educational agencies for additional purposes relating to the program.

**Background/Analysis**

Existing law requires each school district or county superintendent of schools maintaining kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, and each charter school to provide for each needy pupil one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each school day. Existing law sets the reimbursement rates for free or reduced-

price meals served to needy pupils at specified amounts.

Studies have shown that plant-based diets help lower cholesterol, increase the consumption of naturally occurring vitamins and minerals, and lower the risk of chronic health conditions. According to the National Institute of Health, 36 percent of Americans have lactose malabsorption, with BIPOC more likely to have lactose malabsorption and symptoms of lactose intolerance. By incentivizing public schools, local educational agencies can provide choices that will improve their students' health.

**Challenge**

Last year, the Board voted in favor of implementing food purchasing standards that encouraged city departments to increase their plant-based purchases and decrease purchases of animal-based proteins. San Francisco's Unified School District ("SFUSD") has followed and adopted similar food purchasing standards.

Meeting these food purchasing standards has become increasingly difficult during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the cost of food has increased due to significant supply-chain and production issues.

Reimbursements for school meals will help SFUSD overcome the cost barriers to offering plant-based options over animal-



based options, as animal-based food and cow's milk benefit from federal subsidies.

**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

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SFUSD supports reimbursements for plant-based milk and meals.

Reimbursements for plant-based milk will help SFUSD provide milk alternatives that will meet the challenges of strict Federal regulatory standards regarding milk, and also requests by students for dairy allergy accommodations. SFUSD is faced with requests from approximately 250 students regarding allergies, the majority of which involve dairy.

Additionally, reimbursements for plant-based meals will help SFUSD provide meals that will meet regulatory requirements for protein, SFUSD's health and wellness standards, students' expectations, and production and supply-chain challenges, some of which are ongoing and others that have been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic increasing the cost of food.

In addition, state funding for school meals and milk is currently uncertain and does not typically last the full school year. Certainty and support in this area would be welcome.

**Fiscal Impact**

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upon appropriation by the Legislature, for reimbursement of up to \$0.20 per meal for meals that include a plant-based food option, as defined, or up to \$0.10 per meal for meals that include a plant-based milk option, as defined, or both.

The bill would require the department to make additional one-time payments of up to \$1,000, as specified, on a first-come-first- served basis to local educational agencies that receive meal reimbursement pursuant to the bill's provisions.

The bill would also require the department, upon a one-time appropriation by the Legislature, to provide grants of up to \$100,000 to local educational agencies for additional purposes relating to the program.

The bill would authorize the department to accept funding from private sources for the purpose of providing reimbursements or grants pursuant to these provisions.

The department may limit the total amount of reimbursements and payments provided pursuant to this section to a total of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year.

**Support / Opposition**

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Support:

San Francisco Unified School District  
Revolution Foods, Inc. (food vendor for SFUSD)

<b>Date Submitted</b>	January 3, 2022
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## **AB 1289**

### **Asm. Kalra, District 27, Democrat**

### **Smart Climate Agriculture Program: plant-based agriculture**

#### **Recommended Position**

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The bill would require a person who receives a grant to provide a report, in consultation with a specified technical assistance provider, to the department that demonstrates that the person is transitioning to plant-based agriculture.

#### **Background/Analysis**

Existing law requires the CDFA to promote and protect the agricultural industry of the state. The Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995 requires the CDFA to establish and oversee an environmental farming program to provide incentives to farmers whose practices promote the well-being of ecosystems, air quality, and wildlife and their habitat.

San Francisco has acted in favor of implementing food purchasing standards encouraging city departments, including the Department of Public Health, the Sherriff's

Department, and the Unified School District to increase plant-based purchases and decrease purchases of animal-based proteins.

Plant-based agriculture can benefit society in various ways, including improving the health and well-being of all people by promoting plant-based diets. An increase in plant-based agriculture can help expand the supply of locally grown fruits and vegetables and provide greater distribution of those fruits and vegetables to inner-city food deserts.

The positive impact on climate change will be significant, as animal agriculture is a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation. And, the impact on animals cannot be understated, as countless fewer animals will suffer on factory farms attempting to meet the demand for animal-based protein.

#### **Challenge**

The state faces challenges in addressing climate change, preserving and protecting the state's agricultural working lands, and helping at-risk farmers keep their businesses and keep up with a growing population's food consumption demands.

The state has some of the world's most productive agricultural lands, representing a large portion of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables grown in the United States. However, instead of feeding people, much of this production is used to cultivate feed

crops for livestock. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 36 percent of corn grown in the United States and 75 percent of soybeans grown in the United States are used to feed livestock.

Animal agriculture is a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation. Studies have shown that livestock and feed production are contributors to climate change through emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide.

The current world population is 7.6 billion people, and is projected to grow by 1.1 percent a year, with estimates reaching 8.6 billion people by the year 2030 and 9.8 billion by the year 2050. As the world population grows, plant-based agriculture can help aide and support the future demands placed on our food supply.

**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

To require the CDFA to assist small and mid-size farmers who wish to transition from raising livestock or growing feed crops to plant-based agriculture with grants and technical assistance.

**Departments Impacted & Why**

The Commission began outreach to the Department of the Environment in July 2021 for input and was notified in December that the analysis could not be provided.

**Fiscal Impact**

The increased availability of food for plant-based diets may help support the city in meeting its good food purchasing goals and its climate action plan goals, including making more food readily available as plant-based meals and milk in schools, hospitals, and prisons, and also reducing the city's carbon emissions footprint, which will be including consumption going forward.

**Support / Opposition**

Supporting:

Social Compassion in Legislation  
Animal Legal Defense Fund

Los Angeles Democrats for the Protection of  
Animals Pawpac  
Humane Society of the United States  
Butler Farms  
Craig Watt Farm  
Cultivate Empathy for All Direct Action  
Everywhere East Bay Animal Pac  
Eat for the Earth  
Gayle Paul  
Humane Society of the United States  
Physicians Against Red Meat  
Poison Free Malibu  
Project Counter glow  
Redbud Hill Naturals  
Riverside Animal Rights Voters  
St. John Creative  
The Paw Project  
The Transformation Project  
V-dog  
Vegan of L.A.  
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club  
Women United for Animal Welfare  
315 Individuals

Opposing:

Agricultural Council of California  
Agricultural Energy Consumers Association  
Association of California Egg Farmers  
California Cotton Ginners & Growers  
Association  
California Dairies INC.  
California Dairy Campaign  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
California Food Producers  
California Grain and Feed Association  
California Poultry Federation  
Milk Producers Council  
Pacific Coast Rendering Association  
Pacific Egg and Poultry Association  
Western Agricultural Processors Association