

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 81 (Rubio) – As Introduced March 2, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: School Breakfast Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) “National School Breakfast Week” is observed annually to promote the importance of a nutritious breakfast to pupil health and learning, and to recognize the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of children across the United States.
- 2) An estimated one in six children in the state live in food insecure households, meaning that they do not have consistent access to adequate food for an active and healthy life.
- 3) The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic hardship among many families in the state, especially within communities of color, with an estimated 1.5 million children estimated to have faced hunger in 2021.
- 4) School nutrition programs provided vital meals to pupils and their families during the pandemic through innovative models, such as drive-thru operations and delivery services, as well as to pupils returning to classrooms.
- 5) Eating school breakfast helps pupils excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer class disruptions.
- 6) School breakfast participation also helps improve pupils’ overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits, improves food security, and advances child health and well-being. School breakfast will continue to play a critical role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2021–22 school year and beyond.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

No Kid Hungry California

Opposition

None on file

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