



Bill Proposal:

Food for People, Not Landfills

Bill Purpose:

Unite Nevada around a common goal on
Meals Distributed Through Food Recovery



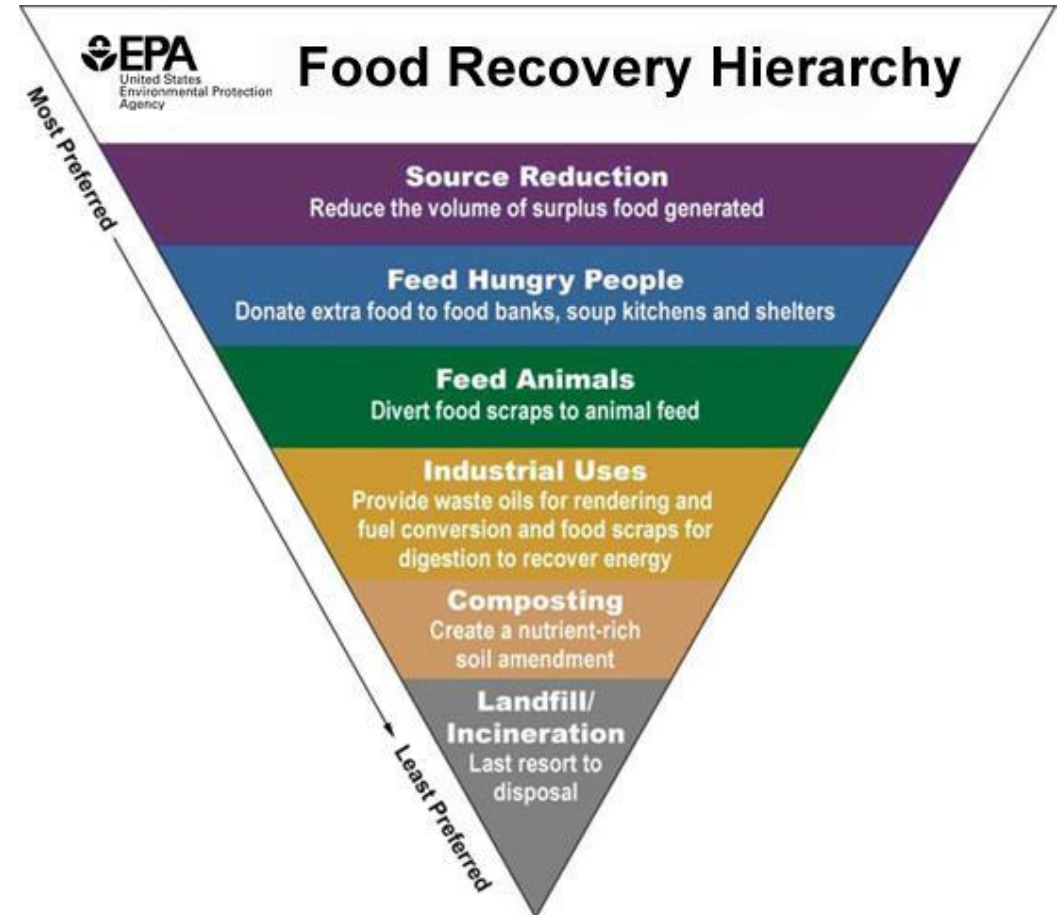
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Background

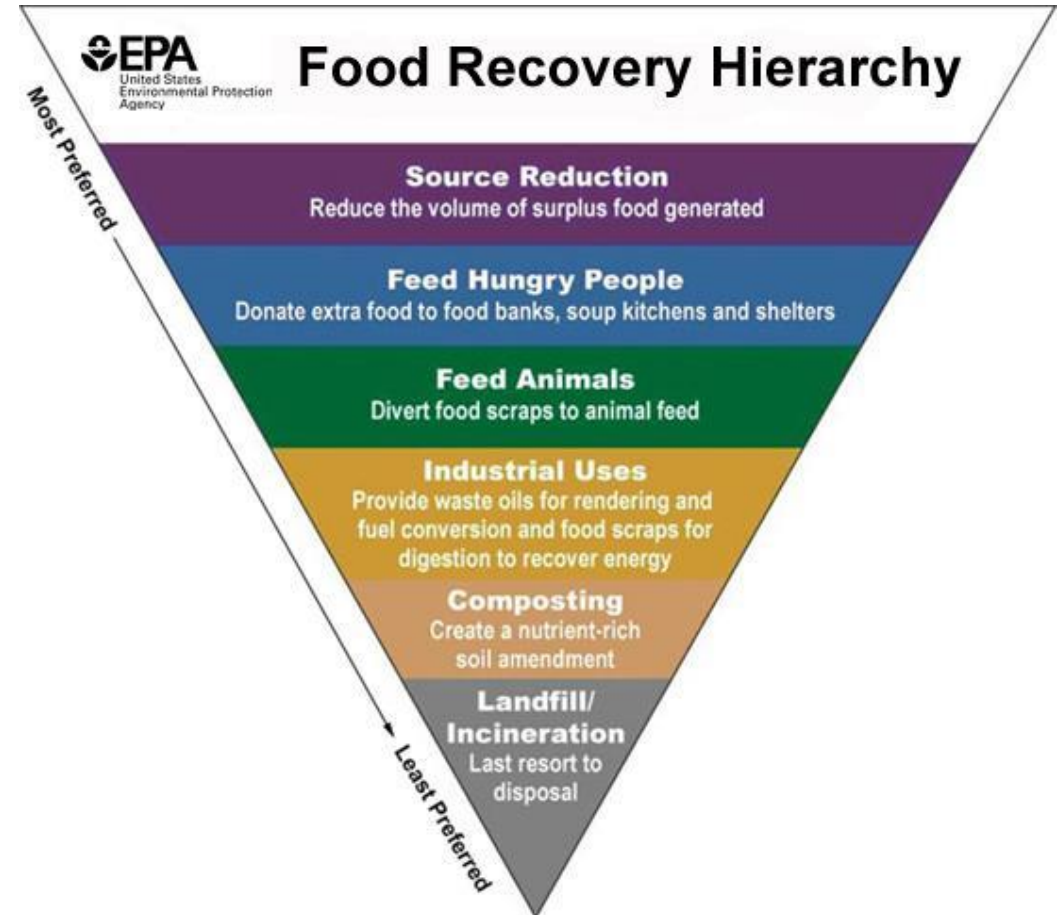
- Food waste is a significant social issue
 - Billions of Lbs of edible food is wasted/not consumed by humans
 - Wastes the resources put into producing and distributing food
 - Has harmful environmental effects
- There are alternatives for food before it becomes waste
 - EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy





Background

- Other states have successfully implemented food waste recovery programs
 - Vermont: Universal Recycling Law
 - Massachusetts: RecyclingWorks
- Big businesses are investing in food recovery efforts
 - Kroger: “Zero Hunger | Zero Waste”
 - MGM: “Spotlight on Hunger”
 - Walmart – funding source reduction and residential waste





Goals

- Increase the amount of food diverted from landfills
5.4 M Lbs; 4.5 M meals by 2024!
- Utilize food diverted from landfills for positive social outcomes
Feeding People!
- Establish a sustainable food waste recovery initiative and tracking system
- Create space for innovative public/private partnerships in the anti-hunger movement
- Better utilize the expertise of members on the GCFS in logistics, food recovery and donation, surplus food trends, business cost/benefit rational



Connection to GCFS Action Plan

- Action Plan Principals
 - Focus on strategic partnerships between all levels of government, communities, and nonprofit organizations including foundations, private industries, universities, and research institutions.
 - Use available resources in a more effective and efficient way.
 - Encourage donations and incentivize businesses to improve food use and food recovery.
- GCFS are champions of innovative reforms within food systems
 - Encourage donations and incentivize businesses to improve food use and food recovery.
- Raise funds to support food waste recovery efforts
 - Reach, Goal 2 – Develop the technology to connect and share data among multiple state agencies, regional food banks, community agencies, and faith-based organizations for efficient and effective targeting of services and populations.



Plan

- Utilize GCFS as a monitoring agency for food waste recovery throughout the state
 - Create a statewide certification program for industries to participate in food waste recovery, and to see their role in Nevada's anti-hunger movement
 - Legislation: establish a state goal on new meals/lbs distributed from food rescue efforts
 - Education: OFS would raise awareness of food waste hierarchy, and the impact of food recovery on anti-hunger work and the environment
 - Collaboration: make it easy for businesses and industries to participate
 - Operation: GCFS sub-committee would make recommendations on certifications, and track annual progress against state goal
 - Recognition: establish a formal certification for businesses whose plans demonstrate the highest standards for food waste recovery initiatives
- Utilize DHHS Community Partnerships and Grants Office as the vehicle to accept fees for business/initiative plan reviews for certification



Plan



- Buy Nevada campaign is an excellent model for this effort
 - Engages multiple stakeholders to meet program goals
 - Creates a mutually beneficial relationship between lead agency (NDA) and participants
 - Members receive benefits for participating
 - Lead agency generates funds to advance the program



Considerations

- What constitutes a reasonable goal for food waste recovery?
 - Sources of recoverable food
 - Retail outlets
 - Restaurants
 - Manufacturers
 - Growers



Considerations

- What constitutes a reasonable goal for food waste recovery?
 - Current food recovery (in lbs.)

Source	Three Square Food Bank
Retail outlets	12,940,421
Restaurants	233,780
Manufacturers	278,727
Growers	132,430

- Potential additional food recovery (in lbs.)

Source	Three Square Food Bank
Retail outlets	3,750,000
Restaurants	1,085,000
Manufacturers	112,000
Growers	53,000

**Increase of
5.4 million lbs;
4.5 million
meals!!**

Based on “retail opportunity”
Surplus banquet food + restaurants



Requests

- **Support Legislation**

- **To establish a state goal for new meals/lbs distributed through food recovery efforts**

- **Post legislation, OFS and GCFS can establish the**

- workflow for program administration, including application, review, certification, and semi-annual data tracking
- market rate for fees; process for accepting fees