

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 10, 2014

Date

Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB14-1119 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
3 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) Colorado's major food banks are some of the most efficient
5 and effective organizations in the state and distribute food to nearly two
6 thousand nonprofit agencies statewide. In turn, those major food banks
7 provide meals and services to people in need by way of diverse agencies
8 such as food pantries, day care centers, battered women's shelters, soup
9 kitchens, residential treatment centers, and senior and youth programs.
10 Major food banks serve all ages and segments of our community.

11 (b) Colorado's food banks are experiencing historic demand.
12 Much of this demand has come from families and individuals who have
13 been forced to use this safety net for the first time, including victims of
14 Colorado's recent wild fire and flood disasters.

15 (c) Food banks from across Colorado have had extreme challenges
16 keeping their shelves stocked and have often been unable to provide the
17 basic necessities to those in need, particularly with respect to fresh
18 produce;

19 (d) According to a 2013 census bureau survey, almost fourteen
20 percent of the state's population, or almost seven hundred thousand
21 Coloradans, lived in poverty during 2012. This in includes eighteen
22 percent of all children under the age of eighteen. More than eight hundred
23 forty thousand Coloradans, or slightly more than sixteen percent of the
24 state's population, faced a time when there was not enough money to buy

1 food for themselves or their family in 2012.

2 (e) It is in the interest of the state to develop and support programs
3 that promote increased access to healthy food and increased consumption
4 of Colorado-grown products. Such increased access will improve child
5 and adult nutrition, promote a strong and healthy workforce, and help
6 address the obesity problems facing virtually every demographic in the
7 state.

8 (f) Colorado is home to some of the most productive farmlands
9 and hardest working farmers in the world. These farms and farming
10 families are critical to providing a healthy food supply and ensuring a
11 natural resource for Colorado's future generations.

12 (g) Colorado's fruit and vegetable growers and Colorado ranchers
13 want to do their part in helping Coloradans in need by helping them gain
14 more access to fresh, healthy food;

15 (h) Many of the state's farmers and ranchers would benefit from
16 a modest tax credit that would make it easier for them to donate more of
17 their fresh produce and incentivize more local growers to make the
18 financial and labor investment to donate their crops or livestock to
19 emergency food providers; and

20 (i) It is rare for Colorado's food banks to offer varying products
21 to the families they serve. In many neighboring states, similar tax credits
22 have helped food banks procure more diverse product donations."

23 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

24 Page 3, line 9, strike "2014," and substitute "2015,".

25 Page 3, line 10, strike "2019," and substitute "2020,".

26 Page 4, line 24, after "(4)" insert "(a)".

27 Page 4, after line 27 insert:

28 "(b) A TAXPAYER MAY NOT CLAIM THE CREDIT ALLOWED IN THIS
29 SECTION IF THE TAXPAYER CLAIMS THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT
30 FOR CROP OR LIVESTOCK CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED IN SECTION 39-22-301
31 (3) FOR THE FOOD CONTRIBUTION TO THE HUNGER-RELIEF CHARITABLE
32 ORGANIZATION."

33 Page 5, line 1, strike "2024." and substitute "2025.".

1 Page 5, strike line 8 and substitute "1, 2015, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1,
2 2020, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE".

3 Page 5, line 26, strike "ANY" and substitute "FOR ANY INCOME TAX YEAR
4 COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1,
5 2020, ANY".

6 Page 6, line 1, strike "(m)." and substitute "(m) FOR THE FOOD
7 CONTRIBUTION TO THE HUNGER-RELIEF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.".

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