## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair 2021 - 2022 Regular Session

## SB 108 (Hurtado) - State Healthy Food Access Policy

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**Bill Summary:** This bill declares that it is the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to access sufficient, affordable, and healthy food and requires all relevant state agencies to consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria. The bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the Department of Conservation (DOC) to collaboratively submit a report to the Legislature relating to food access and recommendations to increase the availability of sufficient affordable and healthy food.

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**Fiscal Impact:** This bill does not specify which agency – CDFA, DSS, or DOC – will take the lead on the report:

- CDFA notes that the requirements of this bill are not absorbable and there will be costs associated with participating and/or leading the writing of the report (e.g. staff and maybe a facilitator). If it were the lead for development of the result, CDFA estimates one-time General Fund costs of approximately \$270,000 for 1.5 limited term staff (1 AGPA and .5 SSA -- \$120,000 GF plus operating expenses) and a meeting facilitator (approximately \$150,000 GF).
- DSS reports staffing resources needed to participate would be absorbable.
- DOC's Division of Land Resource Protection estimates costs would be absorbable as they expect their role will be as a minor contributor.
- The Department of Public Health reports no impact.

Author's amendments will increase DSS costs by at least \$270,000 and may decrease CDFA costs.

Author Amendments: Author's amendments designate DSS as the lead on the report.

Committee Amendments: None

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