

- a. “Office” to mean the Office of Farm To Fork.
 - b. “Program” means the California Healthy Food Procurement Fund Program (CHFPPF).
- 3) Requires the Office, by January 1, 2028, to establish CHFPPF for purposes of cultivating equity, nurturing students, building climate resilience, supporting California agriculture, and creating scalable and sustainable changes in the school food system.
 - 4) Requires the CHFPPF increase the procurement of healthy foods, including institutions serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.
 - 5) Requires the Office, if funding is available, to implement initiatives under the CHFPPF, including, but not limited to, an initiative to do any of the following:
 - a. Provide funding to approved vendors to procure foods that are whole or are minimally processed and are grown or produced in California using climate-smart agriculture practices and climate-smart agriculture production systems, so that the approved vendors can contract with institutions serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to deliver procured foods at no cost.
 - b. Establish an application process to approve vendors that meet all the following requirements:
 1. The vendor sources and distributes foods that are whole or are minimally processed and are grown or produced in California using climate-smart agriculture practices and climate-smart agriculture production systems.
 2. If the vendor sources products from multiple farms, 50% or more of the total producers that the vendor purchases from are California farms using climate-smart agriculture practices and climate-smart agriculture production systems.
 - c. The vendor serves institutions serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.
 - d. The vendor tracks and readily provides itemized source identification information, including the producer or processor of origin, and certifications to the office. The vendor keeps records of purchase invoices from sourced entities and may be subject to audit of purchasing.
 - e. The vendor aligns with the priorities of the office.
 - f. The vendor maintains robust compliance that ensures the farms and ranches with which it works comply with all laws, rules, and regulations, including food safety, labor, and environmental requirements and standards.

- 6) Requires the Office to ensure that vendors throughout the state are selected, and may establish limits on vendor participation to maintain a competitive and diverse marketplace .
- 7) Requires the Office to publish the list of approved vendors on the department's internet website, including the region that each vendor serves and their contact information.
- 8) Requires the Office to conduct outreach to institutions serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to promote contracting with approved vendors.
- 9) Creates the California Healthy Food Procurement Account in CDFA Fund. Requires this account consists of moneys from federal, state, industry, philanthropic, and private sources. Requires moneys in this account to be available to CDFA, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of CHFPPF.
- 10) Requires the Office to submit a report on the status of the CHFPPF to the Legislature every three years. The report shall include information on the progress of the program, including, but not limited to, all the following:
 - a. The number and type, with respect to size, ownership, and production practices, of farms and ranches from which food products were sourced.
 - b. The number and type of institutions served by approved vendors, and the volumes of food products provided to each institution.
 - c. The number and type, with respect to business model, of vendors providing food products to institutions.
 - d. The amount of funds distributed to each vendor and to each institution.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

“Supporting our farmers as they face stability challenges, while ensuring our state’s children have access to nutritious foods, is not just important, it’s essential. AB 1731 is a powerful step forward, empowering California’s farmers to give back to their communities with healthier food options, and ensuring our children thrive with the nourishment they deserve.”

The California Health Coalition Advocacy (CHCA) wrote in support, stating:

“CHCA is an organization that represents thousands of Californians and advocates on issues that impact their health and wellbeing. With approximately 5 million meals being served at California schools each

day, it is important that healthy, minimally processed foods are provided to students. CHCA supported AB 1264 (Gabriel), enacted in 2025, which requires schools to phase out ultra-processed foods. AB 1731 supports the implementation of AB 1264 and would make healthy food more affordable for schools and more accessible to students, while also supporting local farms.”

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:

None received.

PRIOR ACTIONS:

Assembly Floor:	78 - 0
Assembly Appropriations Committee:	11 - 0
Assembly Agriculture Committee:	8 - 0

SUPPORT:

California Health Coalition Advocacy
California School Nutrition Association
Fresno Unified School District
Sunrise Fresh, LLC

OPPOSITION:

None received

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