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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### **AB 798 (Calderon) - State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program: diapers and wipes**

**Version:** July 8, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** July 14, 2025

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 5 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** AB 798 would authorize funding under the existing State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program to also be used to purchase and distribute children's diapers and wipes.

**Fiscal Impact:** Unknown General Fund cost pressures to increase funding for the State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program, due to expanding the allowable uses of any existing funding and creating additional demand for the program.

#### **Background:**

**Diapers and Wipes Allocation.** In the 2024 Budget Act, the Diapers and Wipes Allocation was created through which \$9 million was made available to CDSS to distribute diapers and wipes to families in need. The following food banks were identified to receive funding: to the Central California Food Bank, Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Help a Mother Out, Community Action Partnership of Orange County, Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Food Share Inc. of Ventura County, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and Second Harvest Food Bank Serving Santa Cruz.

**State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program.** Current law requires that subject to an appropriation for this purpose, the CDSS must administer the State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program to provide food and funding for the provision of emergency food and related costs to food banks serving low-income Californians to prevent hunger during natural or human-made disasters. Upon a proclamation or declaration of a disaster or state of emergency by the governing body of a county, city, or city and county, or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body, the state, or the federal government, the CDSS may distribute funds for the following purposes:

- To purchase and distribute food in eligible communities.
- To reimburse food banks for food and the costs associated with the procurement and distribution of food in eligible communities.

**Proposed Law:** AB 798 would allow funds under the State Emergency Food Bank Reserve Program to also be used to:

- Purchase and distribute children's diapers and wipes in eligible communities.

- Reimburse food banks for children's diapers and wipes and the costs associated with the procurement and distribution of children's diapers and wipes in eligible communities.

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