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SENATE BILL NO. 486

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A BILL to direct the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study preventable food waste.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and stakeholders, including representatives from grocery stores, food banks, restaurants, and relevant government or academic experts, shall study the sources, scale, and prevention of food waste in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall (i) assess the total annual statewide rate of preventable food waste received by landfills within the Commonwealth; (ii) identify the industry sectors within the Commonwealth that contribute to preventable food waste, and determine their rate of contribution to such waste; (iii) identify alternative uses of food that is wasted; and (iv) recommend policies to reduce the annual rate of preventable food waste in the Commonwealth with data-driven reduction targets and timelines, including food donation requirements for certain food waste from grocery stores and restaurants.*

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