

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

Strike section 11607.

At the end of the bill, add the following new title
(and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **TITLE XII—FOOD WASTE**

2 **SEC. 12001. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REDUCING**
3 **FOOD WASTE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Up to 40 percent of food in the United
7 States is wasted, the equivalent of 1,250 calories per
8 person, per day, and more than 400 pounds of food
9 per person, per year.

10 (2) Growing, processing, transporting, and dis-
11 posing of uneaten food is a significant burden on the
12 United States economy, costing approximately
13 \$218,000,000,000 annually.

14 (3) Considerable resources in the United States
15 are invested in the production of food that is eventu-
16 ally wasted, including an estimated 18 percent of

1 fertilizer used in agricultural production, 19 percent
2 of crop land, and 21 percent of agricultural water
3 usage.

4 (4) Growing, processing, transporting, and dis-
5 posing of food that is eventually wasted contributes
6 to greenhouse gas emissions.

7 (5) Disposing of uneaten food costs the average
8 household of four in the United States an estimated
9 \$1,800 annually.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—In light of the findings
11 made in subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that
12 the Federal Government should invest in programs, meth-
13 odologies, and actions to reduce food waste across the
14 United States at the Federal, State, and local levels, in-
15 cluding by—

16 (1) providing targeted funding for food waste
17 solutions;

18 (2) improving and standardizing the measure-
19 ment and reporting of food waste data;

20 (3) standardizing food date labels;

21 (4) removing barriers to food donation;

22 (5) supporting and encouraging local and re-
23 gional efforts to reduce food waste; and

24 (6) engaging and educating the American public
25 on how to reduce food waste.

1 **SEC. 12002. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF FOOD WASTE.**

2 Subtitle D of the Department of Agriculture Reorga-
3 nization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6951 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 244. OFFICE OF FOOD WASTE.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish within the executive operations of the Department an
8 office to be known as the ‘Office of Food Waste’.

9 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office of Food Waste
10 shall be responsible—

11 “(1) for coordinating Federal programs to
12 measure and reduce the incidence of food waste in
13 the United States by serving as the central office
14 within the Department for food waste reduction ef-
15 forts, including food waste prevention, food dona-
16 tion, recovery of surplus food for commercial pur-
17 poses, and food scrap recycling;

18 “(2) for providing information about and rais-
19 ing awareness of food waste issues across sectors of
20 the United States economy and across Federal agen-
21 cies; and

22 “(3) for serving as the primary point of contact
23 for food waste reduction and food recovery issues
24 within the Department and across Federal agencies.

25 “(c) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity
26 Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out

1 this section \$100,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
2 2019 through 2023.”.

3 **SEC. 12003. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE**
4 **REDUCTION TASK FORCE.**

5 Subtitle D of the Department of Agriculture Reorga-
6 nization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6951 et seq.) is further
7 amended by inserting after section 244, as added by sec-
8 tion 12002, the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 245. FOOD LOSS AND WASTE REDUCTION TASK**
10 **FORCE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
12 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
13 of Agriculture, in consultation with the Administrator of
14 the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish, in
15 the office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and
16 Consumer Services, a task force—

17 “(1) to advise and support the Secretary and
18 the Administrator in meeting the national food
19 waste reduction goal of 50 percent by 2030, as spec-
20 ified in the announcement made on September 16,
21 2015, by the Secretary and the Administrator;

22 “(2) to provide strategic direction for efforts to
23 meet the national food waste reduction goal;

24 “(3) to monitor progress toward meeting the
25 national food waste reduction goal;

1 “(4) to support effective public reporting in the
2 United States regarding progress toward meeting
3 the national food waste reduction goal and any rel-
4 evant benchmarks in meeting such goal;

5 “(5) to raise public awareness and visibility of
6 the national food waste reduction goal in the United
7 States; and

8 “(6) to recommend improvements to Federal ef-
9 forts to meet the national food waste reduction goal.

10 “(b) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be com-
11 posed of 15 members, appointed jointly by the Secretary
12 and the Administrator. The task force shall include a rep-
13 resentative from each of the following industries and inter-
14 est groups:

15 “(1) The agriculture industry.

16 “(2) The food processing and manufacturing in-
17 dustry.

18 “(3) The food distribution industry.

19 “(4) The retail and grocery industry.

20 “(5) The restaurant industry.

21 “(6) The institutional food service industry.

22 “(7) Government, private, and nonprofit enti-
23 ties focused on nutrition.

24 “(8) Government, private, and nonprofit enti-
25 ties focused on consumer education.

1 “(9) Government, private, and nonprofit enti-
2 ties focused on food waste entrepreneurship.

3 “(10) Nonprofit entities focused on food waste
4 prevention.

5 “(11) Government, private, and nonprofit enti-
6 ties focused on food donation.

7 “(12) Government, private, and nonprofit enti-
8 ties focused on food scrap recycling.

9 “(13) Educational institutions focused on food
10 systems and food waste.

11 “(14) A State or local government with a food
12 waste reduction program.

13 “(15) A scientist who specializes in the science
14 of food scrap recycling and other relevant scientific
15 processes.

16 “(c) TERMS.—A member of the task force shall serve
17 on the task force for a single term of 3 years. A member
18 may not be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled within
19 60 days in the same manner as the original appoint-
20 ment.”.

21 **SEC. 12004. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE**
22 **REDUCTION LIAISON.**

23 Subtitle D of the Department of Agriculture Reorga-
24 nization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6951 et seq.), as amended
25 by sections 12002 and 12003, is further amended by in-

1 setting after section 245, as added by section 12003, the
2 following new section:

3 **“SEC. 246. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE RE-**
4 **DUCTION LIAISON.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish within the Office of Food Waste a Food Loss and
7 Waste Reduction Liaison to coordinate Federal programs
8 to measure and reduce the incidence of food loss and waste
9 in accordance with this section.

10 “(b) DUTIES.—The Food Loss and Waste Reduction
11 Liaison shall—

12 “(1) coordinate food loss and waste reduction
13 efforts with other Federal agencies, including the
14 Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and
15 Drug Administration;

16 “(2) support and promote Federal programs to
17 measure and reduce the incidence of food loss and
18 waste and increase food recovery;

19 “(3) provide information to, and serve as a re-
20 source for, entities engaged in food loss and waste
21 reduction and food recovery concerning the avail-
22 ability of, and eligibility requirements for, participa-
23 tion in Federal programs;

24 “(4) raise awareness of the liability protections
25 afforded under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan

1 Food Donation Act (42 U.S.C. 1791) to persons en-
2 gaged in food loss and waste reduction and food re-
3 covery; and

4 “(5) make recommendations with respect to ex-
5 panding food recovery efforts and reducing the inci-
6 dence of food loss and waste.

7 “(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—For purposes of
8 carrying out the duties under subsection (b), the Food
9 Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison may enter into con-
10 tracts or cooperative agreements with the research centers
11 of the Research, Education, and Economics mission area,
12 institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101
13 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)),
14 or nonprofit organizations for—

15 “(1) the development of educational materials;

16 “(2) the conduct of workshops and courses; or

17 “(3) the conduct of research on best practices

18 with respect to food loss and waste reduction and

19 food recovery.”.

20 **SEC. 12005. STANDARDIZING, AGGREGATING, AND PUB-**
21 **LISHING FOOD WASTE DATA.**

22 (a) METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING FOOD
23 WASTE.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the
24 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
25 establish, through a rule made in accordance with section

1 553 of title 5, United States Code, a standardized method-
2 ology for consistently measuring food waste in the United
3 States economy, such as—

4 (1) on-farm losses during agricultural produc-
5 tion and harvesting;

6 (2) losses during processing and distribution;

7 (3) kitchen waste and post-consumer waste
8 from the restaurant and hospitality industries;

9 (4) food waste occurring in schools and other
10 institutions; and

11 (5) food waste occurring in other industries.

12 (b) **METHODOLOGY FOR AGGREGATING AND DIS-**
13 **SEMINATING DATA.**—The methodology established under
14 subsection (a) shall include aggregating and disseminating
15 any data or information collected with respect to food
16 waste. The methodology shall incorporate tools for describ-
17 ing why food waste occurs and the type of food wasted
18 and take into account existing protocols and tools that
19 may serve as resources.

20 (c) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.**—Information
21 collected with respect to food waste shall be made available
22 through a publicly accessible internet website of the De-
23 partment of Agriculture, which may be disaggregated by
24 private sector and State or local government data.

1 (d) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture
2 shall carry out this section in consultation with the Admin-
3 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

