

**SENATE BILL NO. 2231**

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Fiebiger, Krebsbach

Representatives N. Johnson, Hofstad, Kerzman

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for contracting with a statewide charitable food recovery and  
2 distribution organization; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Department of human services food assistance contracts.** The  
5 department of human services shall contract with a statewide charitable food recovery and  
6 distribution organization to develop and implement new methods of delivering charitable food  
7 assistance services in underserved counties, to include a mobile food pantry program and  
8 prepacked food basket program; expand the recovery of surplus food from the retail and  
9 wholesale food industry for distribution to charitable feeding programs; provide training,  
10 technical assistance, and equipment grants to community food pantries and emergency meal  
11 programs; and develop a cross-referral system between charitable feeding programs and  
12 government assistance programs that help clients achieve self-sufficiency.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much  
15 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of human services for the purpose of  
16 contracting with a statewide provider of charitable food distribution services to address gaps in  
17 service in, expand the recovery and distribution of surplus food supplies for, and strengthen the  
18 capacity of, the North Dakota charitable emergency feeding network, for the biennium  
19 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.