



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Over 12% of Missourians struggle with food insecurity. And in many rural counties and urban centers of our state that percentage is even higher. Our food pantries are the first line of defense for those struggling with food insecurity. These organizations rely on donations of food and money to be able to provide for the thousands of individuals they see every month. Providing additional support to these entities through tax credits is one way to increase the help they can provide to families and individuals in communities across Missouri.

Passing HB 1782, removes the sunset date of the Donated Food Tax Credit fund that is set to expire on December 31, 2026.

Missouri has a long history of using tax credits to incentivize businesses, create jobs, increase economic activity and support community organizations. This Donated Food Tax Credit Fund is another such tax credit program and through this bill's passage, the legislature can continue to provide support to vital community organizations and decrease food insecurity as well.

We respectfully ask this committee to vote yes on HB 1782.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and the giving away of Tax-Credits, which becomes a commodity to the highest-bidder. We can not afford these Tax-Credits. This donation to Food Banks, NEEDS to come from the heart, without holding out your hand for a reward!



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I am against making the food pantry tax credit permanent. Don't repeal the sunset on it.



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HB 1782 modifies Missouri’s food pantry tax credit program by removing the program’s sunset provision and making the tax credit permanent under state law.

While charitable donations to food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters provide important assistance to vulnerable Missourians, the legislature should carefully consider whether it is appropriate to permanently authorize a tax credit without future legislative review.

Under current law, the program is subject to Missouri’s Sunset Act, which requires periodic evaluation of tax credit programs to ensure they remain effective and fiscally responsible. HB 1782 removes that safeguard.

Tax credits represent the use of public revenue through the tax code. When the legislature authorizes a tax credit, it is effectively directing state resources toward a specific policy goal.

Programs funded through public revenue should remain subject to periodic review to determine:

- whether the program is meeting its intended purpose,**
- whether the fiscal impact remains appropriate, and**
- whether modifications or improvements are needed.**

By eliminating the sunset provision, HB 1782 removes the legislature’s future opportunity to conduct this type of evaluation.

Missouri already administers a large number of tax credit programs, many of which continue indefinitely without meaningful oversight or performance review. The Sunset Act was designed specifically to ensure that programs using public resources remain accountable to taxpayers.

Maintaining periodic legislative review does not undermine the important work of food pantries and shelters. Rather, it ensures that programs supporting those organizations remain transparent, effective, and fiscally responsible.

For these reasons, the legislature should preserve the sunset provision rather than making this tax credit permanent without future review.

Removing the sunset clause does not strengthen accountability—it eliminates it. Programs that rely on

public tax revenue should remain subject to periodic legislative review.



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