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## What does PA HB260 do?

This bill increases the current Solid Waste Recycling Fee from \$2 to \$5 per ton.

## Why is it needed?

- This is an important source of funding for recycling, composting and food rescue in Pennsylvania and entirely funds the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant—currently the only state funding for food rescue.
- Further disincentivizes waste of otherwise usable waste such as unsold food.

## Key Facts & Supporting Data

- The current tipping fee of \$2 was established in 1988 and hasn't been increased since.
- Adjusted for inflation, \$2 in 1988 is equivalent to \$5.37 today—meaning the proposed increase doesn't even bring the solid waste recycling fee to keep pace with inflation.
- In 2023 Pennsylvanians wasted 2.23 million tons of edible food.<sup>1</sup>
- That's the equivalent of over 3.7 billion meals and 34.7 billion lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- The meal gap in Pennsylvania is over 288.9 million missing meals – the number of meals Pennsylvanians need in order to lead healthy, active lives.<sup>2</sup>
- This means almost one billion extra meals are wasted in the nonresidential sectors than are needed to eradicate hunger.
- Bringing solid waste recycling fees back to their 1988 equivalent level could provide the funding needed to support recovery of enough food to end hunger.

## Status of the Bill

**Current Status:** The bill is currently with the House Majority Leader, who holds the authority to schedule it for a floor vote or delay further action.

## Next Steps:

- We need to let Majority Leader [Matthew Bradford's](#) Harrisburg office know that we want this bill brought forward for a vote. Contact his office at [\(717\) 772-2572](tel:717-772-2572) or [mbradford@pahouse.net](mailto:mbradford@pahouse.net) and urge him to bring up HB620 for a House vote.
- Let your PA State Rep know you support this bill! [Find your rep →](#)

<sup>1</sup> [https://insights-engine.refed.org/food-waste-monitor?break\\_by=sector&indicator=tons-surplus&state=PA&view=detail&year=2023](https://insights-engine.refed.org/food-waste-monitor?break_by=sector&indicator=tons-surplus&state=PA&view=detail&year=2023)

<sup>2</sup> <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2022/overall/pennsylvania>