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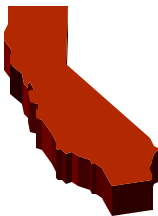
## SB 1329 (Alquist) Healthy Food Access Act of 2006

**The Problem: Low-income communities often have poor access to healthy, affordable, high quality food**



- A multi-state study found that higher-income neighborhoods had over three times as many supermarkets as low-income neighborhoods.
- Food access issues occur in both urban and rural areas.
- Poor diet is linked to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other major illnesses.

**Positive Experience: Access to healthy food = healthier food choices!**



- This bill is modeled after a highly successful project in Pennsylvania which has established new grocery stores and revitalized existing small markets so they can sell healthier food.
- Studies have shown that the presence of supermarkets and farmers markets is linked to fruit and vegetable consumption.

**The Statewide Solution: Increase the number of healthy food retailers**



- SB 1329 sets up a competitive process to award grants and loans for:
- The establishment of grocery stores
  - The revitalization of small markets so that they can sell healthy items like produce
  - The establishment of farmers markets.