

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 826**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nava**

February 18, 2005

An act relating to agriculture.

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AB 826, as introduced, Nava. Food and agriculture.

Existing law provides that California farmers may transport for sale and sell California-grown fresh fruits, nuts, and vegetables that they produce, directly to the public and defines certified farmers' markets as locations established in accordance with local ordinances, where California farmers may transport and sell to the public California agricultural products that they produced.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish a program to encourage the creation of farmers' markets and other venues for the sale of fruits and vegetables in areas of the state with inadequate access to those foods.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a
- 2 program to encourage the creation of farmers' markets and other
- 3 venues for the sale of fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables
- 4 in areas of the state with inadequate access to those foods as a
- 5 means of improving health, reducing obesity, and reducing health
- 6 care costs to citizens and the state.

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