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Legislation that would have created impediments for grocers, restaurants and other retail food establishments to provide organic material for livestock feed was pulled by the author yesterday and is being held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee for the year. AB 2959 (Calderon) would have removed these retail food establishments from an exemption to local waste franchise agreements which in practice would have created an additional impediment to livestock feed haulers, dairymen and ranchers that are picking up this organic material and using to feed California's cows and poultry. The California Grain and Feed Association, working closely with the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Grocers Association and California Restaurant Association led a broad coalition of entities that recycle organic material for feed, biofuels and industrial uses to defeat the measure. Using the US EPA hierarchy for food waste as the tool to show the superior environmental and greenhouse gas emission reduction profile of livestock feed compared with composting and landfilling. We have much more work to do continuing to educate legislators and local government entities of the importance of food waste and other organic materials for feed and other uses and we will continue this education process throughout the year.

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