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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Renames the Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger (ICCH) to Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness (ICHH) and directs council to serve as the lead agency to deal with both hunger and homelessness. Expands membership for the ICHH. Clarifies the roles of the Hunger Relief Task Force (HRTF), and expands and defines membership. Requires ICHH to receive recommendations from the HRTF and forward to appropriate state agencies and public and private organizations. Updates state policies regarding hunger by redefining food security and creating a benchmark that Oregon will rank among the top 10 states in providing food security by 2015. Transfers Hunger Relief Account appropriations to the Housing and Community Services Department to carry out ICHH and HRTF activities. Directs the Housing Department to provide staffing and support to ICHH and HRTF.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for consolidating councils
- Accomplishments of Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger to date
- Establishment of the Ending Homelessness Advisory Council

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that the Hunger Relief Task Force must include a representative of the Oregon Food Bank.

BACKGROUND: The Hunger Relief Task Force (HRTF) was created by the Legislature in 1989 to collaborate with state agencies, businesses, other organizations, public officials and local communities to end hunger in Oregon. In 1995, the Legislature created the Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger (ICCH) to implement the recommendations of the HRTF. In April 2006, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 06-05, which created the Ending Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC), a 24-member council directed to develop statewide homelessness policy recommendations.

HB 2073 B expands the scope of the ICCH to address homelessness issues in addition to hunger issues. The newly named Interagency on Council on Hunger and Homelessness would receive recommendations from both HRTF and EHAC.

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