

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Smith P., Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Maurer
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing fresh Oregon-grown fruits, vegetables and cut herbs from farmers' markets and roadside stands to eligible low-income seniors under the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Change in method for distributing program coupons
- Program benefits to both low-income seniors and farmers selling at farmers' markets and roadside stands

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) is a state-administered federal nutrition program. The FDNP funds go to low-income nutritionally at-risk pregnant women and young children enrolled in the Women Infants & Children program and to eligible low-income seniors. Eligible clients receive these funds as checks in a fixed amount, which they can use to purchase locally produced fresh fruit and vegetables directly from authorized farmers at farm stands and farmers markets.

HB 2634 appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to provide eligible low-income seniors with fresh Oregon-grown fruits, vegetables and cut-herbs from farmers' markets and roadside stands.