

House Bill 2288

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SUMMARY

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Creates Oregon Food Policy Council. Specifies duties.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Oregon Food Policy Council.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Food Policy Council is established in the Housing and Community Services Department. The council shall consist of the following:

(a) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department, or a designee of the director.

(b) The Director of Agriculture, or a designee of the director.

(c) The Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, or a designee of the director.

(d) The Director of Human Services, or a designee of the director with expertise in health issues.

(e) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee of the superintendent.

(f) The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, or a designee of the director.

(g) Sixteen persons appointed by the Governor, consisting of:

(A) One person representing the office of the Governor with expertise in rural policy.

(B) One person who is a member of the State Board of Agriculture or, if no member accepts appointment, who is a representative of the board.

(C) One person representing sustainable agriculture interests.

(D) One person actively engaged in farming in western Oregon.

(E) One person actively engaged in farming or ranching in eastern Oregon.

(F) One person actively involved with farmers' markets or in farm direct marketing.

(G) One person representing food processors.

(H) One person representing food retailers.

(I) One person representing restaurants and food services.

(J) One person representing anti-hunger organizations.

(K) One person representing health care providers.

(L) One person representing an environmental organization.

(M) One person representing the religious community.

(N) One person who is a professional nutritionist employed by an institution of higher

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2 (O) One person who is a food stamp user.

3 (P) One person who is a member of a local food policy council.

4 (2) The Governor shall appoint council members described in subsection (1)(g) of this
5 section to terms of three years. However, an appointed member serves at the pleasure of
6 the Governor. If there is a vacancy of a member appointed by the Governor for any cause,
7 the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired
8 term.

9 (3) The Governor shall select one member of the council to serve as chairperson and
10 another to serve as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers to per-
11 form the functions of those offices as the Governor determines necessary to carry out the
12 purposes of section 3 of this 2007 Act.

13 (4) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction
14 of business.

15 (5) The council shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson.

16 (6) The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide staff support for the
17 council.

18 (7) Notwithstanding ORS 561.374, council members are not entitled to compensation or
19 reimbursement of expenses under ORS 292.495.

20 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the term of office specified in section 1 (2) of this 2007 Act,
21 of the members first appointed to the Oregon Food Policy Council under section 1 (1)(g) of
22 this 2007 Act:

23 (1) Five shall be appointed to serve a term of one year.

24 (2) Five shall be appointed to serve a term of two years.

25 (3) Six shall be appointed to serve a term of three years.

26 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Food Policy Council shall review state and local food system
27 issues for the purpose of recommending improvements related to the linkage between food
28 producers, consumers and policy makers. The council shall give priority to:

29 (a) Working with the State Department of Agriculture to encourage the adoption and
30 expansion of local food purchase policies and practices that authorize and encourage public
31 institutions within the state to give preference to regionally produced high-quality foods.

32 (b) Supporting ongoing efforts of the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon
33 State University Extension Service to foster and develop farmers' markets, small farming
34 operations, local agricultural marketing opportunities and community-supported agriculture
35 as economic development and to enhance the viability of community and home gardens.

36 (c) Supporting education, outreach efforts and programs that assist local communities
37 and schools in understanding food production, food preparation and how to maximize the
38 consumption of foods that are nutritious.

39 (d) Supporting and assisting the development of local food policy councils in all areas of
40 the state. Support and assistance may include, but need not be limited to, providing a forum
41 for coordination and communication between the local councils and facilitating dialogue
42 concerning whether issues are best handled through state policies, plans and solutions or
43 through local efforts.

44 (2) The council may develop and suggest strategies to improve food systems and create
45 economic and health benefits, including but not limited to strategies for:

- 1 **(a) Creating urban and rural partnerships;**
 - 2 **(b) Improving access to fresh, nutritious foods;**
 - 3 **(c) Reducing hunger and food insecurity for low-income Oregonians;**
 - 4 **(d) Increasing purchases of local foods;**
 - 5 **(e) Enhancing the vitality of the agricultural industry;**
 - 6 **(f) Expanding food-related businesses and jobs; and**
 - 7 **(g) Working with local governments to assist the development of local food-related poli-**
 - 8 **cies.**
 - 9 **(3) The council shall act as a forum for input, advice, education, interaction and infor-**
 - 10 **mation sharing between persons involved in the various aspects of food systems.**
 - 11 **(4) The council shall work in consultation with other state entities dealing with hunger**
 - 12 **or homelessness issues, including but not limited to the Housing and Community Services**
 - 13 **Department, the State Department of Agriculture and the Hunger Relief Task Force.**
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