

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2975

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### Measure Description:

Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for nutrition programs for eligible individuals through Women, Infants and Children Program.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

### Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

### Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

### Analysis:

House Bill 2975 appropriates \$300,000 General Funds to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the purpose of providing fresh Oregon-grown fruits, vegetables and cut herbs from farmers' markets and roadside stands to eligible individuals through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective July 1, 2011.

The bill does not indicate whether this amount is a one-time appropriation for the 2011-13 biennium or if this appropriation would continue in future biennia.

Currently, the state's WIC Farm Direct Program is funded with state General Fund, as well as funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Grant, awarded annually to the state's WIC Program. The current General Fund appropriation to the WIC Program is used to meet the USDA state match requirements in order for the state to receive the federal funds. The state funding supports the administrative costs of the WIC Farm Direct Program including printing, mailing costs and bank processing fees, and also provides funding for additional foods to be provided to WIC participants. The 2011-13 Governor's Balanced Budget eliminated this General Fund state match appropriation from the WIC Farm Direct Program. The funding in this bill would be used to replace this eliminated funding. The \$300,000 General Fund included in this bill would allow the program to serve about 9,500 participants.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of the \$300,000 General Fund for the 2011-13 biennium.