

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2976 - A

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Measure Description:

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for nutrition programs for eligible individuals through the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition 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 2976 appropriates \$100,000 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 under the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP). 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 Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program is funded with state General Fund, as well as funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Grant, awarded annually to the Oregon Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program. Current General Fund appropriation to the WIC Program supports the administrative costs of the Senior Farm Direct Program including printing, mailing costs and bank processing fees. The 2011-13 Governor's Balanced Budget eliminated this General Fund appropriation from the Senior FDNP. The funding in this bill would be used to replace the funding designated for administrative support. The \$100,000 General fund included in this bill would allow the program to serve about 1,750 participants.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of the \$100,000 General Fund for the 2011-13 biennium.