

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, George, Morse, Shields, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Education (ODE) to provide assistance to school districts, government agencies and community groups to encourage participation in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Afterschool Meal and Snack Program. Allows ODE to award grants to enable participation in USDA programs. Authorizes ODE to contract with public or private entity for purposes of providing technical assistance and administration of the grant program. Allows ODE to contract with public or private entities regarding the grant program. Adjusts the request for grant allocations from \$175,000 to \$150,000 and reduces the request for administration funds from \$75,000 to \$30,000. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to ODE for grants and administration of grant program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal funding, reimbursements and leverage
- Benefits and start up costs
- Maintenance and expansion of current programs
- The importance of meals and nutrition information for food insecure families
- Extended learning and enrichment program coordination
- Preparation and readiness for implementation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows ODE to contract with public or private entities regarding the grant program. Adjusts the request for grant allocations from \$175,000 to \$150,000 and reduces the request for administration funds from \$75,000 to \$30,000.

BACKGROUND: The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) are key components of a national policy designed to safeguard and promote the nutritional well-being of the nation's children. The programs are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the USDA, operating through state agencies that have agreements with local school systems. The NSLP reimburses local educational agencies for providing nutritionally balanced meals to children. Average daily participation totaled 32 million children in 2010. Currently, Oregon has 184 sites in 60 school districts offering USDA food and nutrition programs.

The After School Meal and Snack Program is a reimbursement program designed to give school-age children and youth in low-income areas, a nutritional supplement and involve them in supervised activities that are safe, fun and educational during the school year. Implemented as a federal program, the ODE Child Nutrition Program reimburses approved sponsors for serving snacks and meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines. Sponsoring organizations are required to provide meals that meet USDA requirements and maintain records which are submitted to the ODE for reimbursement based on a per meal dollar amount.

The Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force (OHRTF), created by the State Legislature in 1989, collaborates with state agencies, businesses, non-profits, public officials and local communities to address hunger in Oregon. Senate Bill 480A reflects the joint efforts of OHRTF, OregonASK, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon and others to expand federal nutrition program locations, meal service and availability.

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