

# House Bill 2974

Sponsored by Representative HUNT; Representatives DEMBROW, DOHERTY, HOYLE, J SMITH (at the request of Hunger Relief Task Force) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to operate Farm Direct Nutrition Program to enable participants in Women, Infants and Children Program to purchase fresh produce at farmers' markets or roadside stands. Authorizes Department of Human Services to operate Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program to enable low income seniors to purchase fresh produce at farmers' markets or roadside stands.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to supplemental assistance for the purchase of food directly from farmers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in partnership with the State Department**  
5 **of Agriculture, is authorized to operate a Farm Direct Nutrition Program to provide sup-**  
6 **plemental assistance to participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program estab-**  
7 **lished by ORS 409.600 for the purchase of fresh, unprocessed, locally grown fruits, vegetables**  
8 **and herbs from farmers' markets or roadside stands.**

9 (2) The authority shall adopt by rule procedures and eligibility criteria for the Farm Di-  
10 rect Nutrition Program to permit the state to receive grants from the United States De-  
11 partment of Agriculture through the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program described in  
12 7 C.F.R. part 248.

13 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services, in partnership with the State De-**  
14 **partment of Agriculture, is authorized to operate a Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program**  
15 **to provide supplemental assistance to individuals who are 60 years of age or older and who**  
16 **receive medical assistance under ORS chapter 414 or supplemental nutrition assistance under**  
17 **ORS 411.806 to 411.845, to purchase fresh, unprocessed, locally grown fruits, vegetables and**  
18 **herbs from farmers' markets or roadside stands.**

19 (2) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule procedures and eligibility cri-  
20 teria for the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program to permit the state to receive grants  
21 from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Senior Farmers' Market  
22 Nutrition Program described in 7 C.F.R. part 249.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.