

# House Bill 3625

Sponsored by Representative WITT (at the request of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), Local 555)

## 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**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to distribute assistance under Women, Infants and Children Program using electronic debit card.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nutrition assistance; amending ORS 409.600.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 409.600 is amended to read:

5 409.600. (1) The Women, Infants and Children Program is established in the Oregon Health Au-  
6 thority. The purpose of the program is to serve as an adjunct to health care by providing nutritious  
7 food, nutrition education and counseling, health screening and referral services to pregnant and  
8 breast-feeding women and to infants and children in certain high-risk categories.

9 (2) The authority shall adopt:

10 (a) Standards and procedures to guide administration of the program by the state in conformity  
11 with federal requirements and to define the rights, responsibilities and legal procedures of program  
12 vendors; [*and*]

13 **(b) An electronic debit card system for the distribution of benefits; and**

14 [*(b)*] **(c)** Rules necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

15 (3)(a) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the authority may assess a civil penalty  
16 against any person for violation of any rule of the authority relating to the Women, Infants and  
17 Children Program. The authority shall adopt by rule criteria for the amount of civil penalties to be  
18 assessed under this section.

19 (b) All penalties recovered under this section shall be deposited into the Oregon Health Au-  
20 thority Fund and credited to an account designated by the authority. Moneys deposited are appro-  
21 priated continuously to the authority and shall be used only for the administration and enforcement  
22 of this section.

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