

HB 2730
Relating to summer meal programs

HB 2730 directs the Oregon Department of Education to reimburse school districts, government agencies, or community groups five cents for every breakfast served during summer as part of a summer meal program. There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Department.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2730 be reported out do pass.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Sprenger
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

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Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to reimburse school district, government agency, or community group five cents for every breakfast served during summer as part of summer meal program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet Federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. According to USDA statistics, in 2012 the SFSP fed an average of over 40,000 Oregon students each day. The current law requires ODE to reimburse school districts, community groups, or government agencies for every lunch provided at the rate of five cents. House Bill 2730 would direct ODE to reimburse for lunch and breakfasts.