

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/25

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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:**

- Food insecurity and Oregon Food Bank’s “school pantries” program
- Whether measure is in Governor’s budget
- Various programs’ difficulty with current reimbursement level for breakfast
- Contribution to public safety

**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.