

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$500,000 from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for 2013-2015 biennium to the Women, Infants and Children Program for purpose of providing fresh Oregon-grown fruits, vegetables and herbs to eligible individuals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access to healthy food and developing good food habits
- Prevention value of WIC program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides federal grants to states for nutritious foods, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. The WIC program in Oregon is administered by the Oregon Health Authority.

House Bill 2921 appropriates funds to provide fresh Oregon-grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers' markets and roadside stands for eligible individuals. House Bill 2921 expands access to healthy foods to those most in need and helps young children and families develop healthy eating habits.