

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 757

Ordered by the Senate March 20
Including Senate Amendments dated March 20

Sponsored by Senators DINGFELDER, THOMSEN

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.

Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to operate **Senior Farm Direct Nutrition** Program providing financial support for qualifying seniors to purchase locally produced fresh food at farm product outlets.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to food assistance programs; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Eligible seniors" means individuals who:**

6 (A) **Are at least 60 years of age;**

7 (B) **Are receiving benefits under a federal nutrition program or medical assistance pro-**
8 **gram, or the Oregon equivalent of a federal nutrition program or medical assistance pro-**
9 **gram;**

10 (C) **Have household income that does not exceed 135 percent of the federal poverty level;**
11 **and**

12 (D) **Live in a situation where prepared meals are not provided.**

13 (b) **"Farm product outlet" means a:**

14 (A) **Farmer;**

15 (B) **Roadside farm stand;**

16 (C) **Farmers' market;**

17 (D) **Community-supported agriculture program; or**

18 (E) **Dispensary of locally produced fresh food identified in a rule adopted under this sec-**
19 **tion.**

20 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority may administer a Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Pro-**
21 **gram to provide checks or other payment mechanisms as determined by the authority for**
22 **use by qualified seniors to purchase locally produced fresh food at approved farm product**
23 **outlets during the growing season. The authority shall issue payment to an approved farm**
24 **product outlet upon presentation of a check or other payment mechanism issued by the au-**
25 **thority under the program.**

26 (3) **The authority may adopt rules for carrying out a program authorized under this**
27 **section, including but not limited to rules:**

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.

- 1 **(a) Establishing annual deadlines to qualify for the program;**
- 2 **(b) Establishing criteria and annual deadlines for farm product outlets to qualify for**
- 3 **payment under the program;**
- 4 **(c) Identifying food dispensaries not listed under subsection (1)(b)(A) to (D) of this sec-**
- 5 **tion that qualify as farm product outlets;**
- 6 **(d) Specifying criteria to qualify foods as locally produced fresh foods; and**
- 7 **(e) Determining the growing season during which qualifying seniors may use the checks**
- 8 **or other payment mechanisms issued by the authority to make purchases under the pro-**
- 9 **gram.**

10 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**

12 **on its passage.**

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