

Senate Bill 757

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 **as introduced**.

Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to operate 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

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

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

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

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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 program to provide checks or other**
21 **payment mechanisms as determined by the authority for use by qualified seniors to purchase**
22 **locally produced fresh food at approved farm product outlets during the growing season. The**
23 **authority shall issue payment to an approved farm product outlet upon presentation of a**
24 **check or other payment mechanism issued by the authority under the program.**

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

27 (a) **Establishing annual deadlines to qualify for the program;**

28 (b) **Establishing criteria and annual deadlines for farm product outlets to qualify for**
29 **payment under the program;**

30 (c) **Identifying food dispensaries not listed under subsection (1)(b)(A) to (D) of this sec-**
31 **tion that qualify as farm product outlets;**

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 **(d) Specifying criteria to qualify foods as locally produced fresh foods; and**
- 2 **(e) Determining the growing season during which qualifying seniors may use the checks**
- 3 **or other payment mechanisms issued by the authority to make purchases under the pro-**
- 4 **gram.**

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

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

7 **on its passage.**

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