

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/2, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates General Fund dollars to Oregon Health Authority to assist Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program recipients and Women, Infants and Children Farm Direct Nutrition Program recipients with purchase of fresh local foods. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for vouchers
- Family trips to farms; the experience as well as the ability to purchase fresh foods
- Cooking demonstrations; nutritional awareness; learning experience
- Taking the farm experience home; family members cooking together
- Variety of foods; quality of foods
- Relationships between farmers and consumers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Appropriates \$200,000 for seniors, \$100,000 for WIC, and \$200,000 to the Emergency Board for the Oregon Health Authority to match federal grant funds, expand programs, or otherwise support purchase of fresh foods.

BACKGROUND: