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Hunger-Free Oregon

*Ending hunger before it begins.*

To: House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

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Subject: Statement of Support for SB 320, the “Small Home Business Bill”

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The Small Home Business Bill (SB 320) is a win-win. It develops pathways to small business ownership by removing barriers for entrepreneurs across Oregon hoping to start bakeries for their communities. It also helps food security in Oregon by providing ways for communities across Oregon to diversify the supply of safe, nutritious food.

We support SB 320 because:

- It will provide bridges to family economic stability for entrepreneurs across Oregon hoping to start businesses but who lack startup capital.
- These entrepreneurs will create jobs in communities across Oregon.
- It increases food security for communities – especially in parts of rural Oregon – that have trouble establishing consistent delivery routes from major food suppliers. It does this by opening doors for entrepreneurs to sell certain kinds of baked goods directly to customers.
- It ensures food safety by drawing from similar successful laws already enacted by 41 other states.

The Oregon Senate passed SB 320 unanimously on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let’s support small businesses and food security in Oregon by turning this good idea into law.