

House Bill 2778

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to operate pilot project, subject to approval by United States Department of Agriculture, to prohibit purchase of foods of minimal nutritional value, as defined by United States Department of Agriculture, using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to foods of minimal nutritional value; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "foods of minimal nutritional value" has the**
4 **meaning given that term in 7 C.F.R. 210.11a and Appendix B to 7 C.F.R. part 210.**

5 **(2) Subject to the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture under 7 U.S.C.**
6 **2026, the Department of Human Services shall operate a four-year pilot project in which re-**
7 **cipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits are prohibited from using**
8 **the benefits to purchase foods of minimal nutritional value.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall submit to the United States**
10 **Department of Agriculture a request for approval to operate the pilot project described in**
11 **section 1 of this 2015 Act no later than 90 days after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

12 **(2) Until the date that the request for approval is granted or denied, the Department of**
13 **Human Services shall report to the Legislative Assembly during each regular legislative**
14 **session on the status of the request for approval.**

15 **(3) The Department of Human Services shall report to the Legislative Assembly during**
16 **the legislative session next following the date of approval on the implementation of the pilot**
17 **project.**

18 **(4) The Department of Human Services shall notify the Office of Legislative Counsel, in**
19 **writing, within 30 days of the denial of the request by the United States Department of Ag-**
20 **riculture.**

21 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date the Department of Human**
22 **Services notifies the Office of Legislative Counsel that the United States Department of Ag-**
23 **riculture has denied the department's request to operate the pilot project described in sec-**
24 **tion 1 of this 2015 Act.**

25 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
27 **on its passage.**

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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.