

**HB 2881 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$700,000 from the General Fund to Department of Human Services (DHS) for Oregon Hunger Response Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Hunger Response Fund allocates funds from DHS to food banks and emergency food programs statewide. These funds are used to acquire food and new food sources, build network capacities and link emergency food clients to other services. Under the program, the food is distributed through the recipient agencies to low income households, which are those households with an income that does not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty guideline. DHS has designated the Oregon Food Bank to coordinate distribution of food and funds in local communities under the Oregon Hunger Response Fund.

House Bill 2881 appropriates \$700,000 from the General Fund to DHS for the Oregon Hunger Response Fund.