

**HB 3398 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$150,000 from General Fund to Department of Human Services to fund the Hunger Task Force. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Overview of Oregon Hunger Free Task Force
- Definition of hunger and food insecure
- Hunger and food insecurity in Oregon
- Populations in Oregon vulnerable to hunger and food insecurity

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Hunger Task Force (Task Force) was created in 1989 by the State Legislature. The purpose of the Task Force is to act as a government resource and a statewide advocate for Oregonians who are hungry or at risk of hunger. In collaboration with stakeholders throughout Oregon, the Task Force works to promote community awareness, compile research, develop proposals for government action and conduct outreach to expand participation in federal nutrition programs.

House Bill 3398 appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to Department of Human Services to fund the Oregon Hunger Task Force.