

HB 2881 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/06/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6-0-3-0

Yeas: 6 - Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Olson, Sanchez, Stark

Exc: 3 - Gorsek, Noble, Piluso

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Hunger needs and food insecurity in Oregon
- Use of Oregon Hunger Response Fund in local Food Banks
- Definitions of hunger and food insecurity
- Populations in Oregon vulnerable to hunger and food insecurity

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.