

House Bill 2537

Sponsored by Representative REARDON (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 seek approval from United States Department of Agriculture to administer pilot program in which supplemental nutrition assistance is calculated based on Department of Agriculture's low-cost food plan.

Sunset on earlier of date that approval is denied, or January 2, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to supplemental nutrition assistance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services shall administer a pilot program for**
5 **1,000 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients who reside in areas designated**
6 **by the United States Department of Agriculture as low income and low access. In the pilot**
7 **program, supplemental nutrition assistance shall be calculated using the United States De-**
8 **partment of Agriculture's low-cost food plan instead of the thrifty food plan. In selecting**
9 **participants, the Department of Human Services shall give priority to families with very low**
10 **food security, as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture.**

11 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall submit to the United States**
12 **Department of Agriculture a request for approval to operate the pilot program described in**
13 **section 1 of this 2017 Act no later than 90 days after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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

17 **(3) During the legislative session that falls 12 months after the implementation of the**
18 **pilot program, the Department of Human Services shall report to the Legislative Assembly**
19 **the results and findings from the program, including but not limited to any changes in the**
20 **food security of the participants.**

21 **(4) The Department of Human Services shall notify the Office of Legislative Counsel, in**
22 **writing, no later than 30 days after the approval or denial of the request for approval by the**
23 **United States Department of Agriculture.**

24 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on the date that the Depart-**
25 **ment of Human Services notifies the Office of Legislative Counsel that the United States**
26 **Department of Agriculture has approved the department's request to operate the pilot pro-**
27 **gram described in section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

28 **SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on the earlier of:**

29 **(1) The date that the Department of Human Services notifies the Office of Legislative**
30 **Counsel that the United States Department of Agriculture has denied the department's re-**

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1 **quest to operate the pilot program described in section 1 of this 2017 Act; or**

2 **(2) January 2, 2020.**

3 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
5 **on its passage.**

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