Corrected

Senate Bill 349

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (Presession 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.**

Expands eligibility for Women, Infants and Children nutrition assistance program. Requires additional vouchers for purchase of fruits and vegetables.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to nutrition assistance programs; amending ORS 413.500.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 413.500 is amended to read:
 - 413.500. (1) The Women, Infants and Children Program is established in the Oregon Health Authority. The purpose of the program is to serve as an adjunct to health care by providing nutritious food, including vouchers for the purchase of fruits and vegetables, nutrition education and counseling, health screening and referral services to [pregnant and breast-feeding women and to infants and children] the following individuals in [certain] high-risk categories[.] as defined by the authority:
 - (a) Pregnant women;
 - (b) Breast-feeding women, through the child's second birthday;
 - (c) Infants; and

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- (d) Children, until they reach the earlier of their sixth birthday or September of the year they start kindergarten.
 - (2) The authority shall adopt:
- (a) Standards and procedures to guide administration of the program by the state [in conformity with federal requirements] and to define the rights, responsibilities and legal procedures of program vendors; and
 - (b) Rules necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.
- (3)(a) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the authority may assess a civil penalty against any person for violation of any rule of the authority relating to the Women, Infants and Children Program. The authority shall adopt by rule criteria for the amount of civil penalties to be assessed under this section.
- (b) All penalties recovered under this section shall be deposited into the Oregon Health Authority Fund and credited to an account designated by the authority. Moneys deposited are appropriated continuously to the authority and shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of this section.

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