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Chair Keny-Guyer and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports any effort made to improve both the quantity of food and quality of food that is available to both mothers and children.

Readiness for learning requires food of good nutritional quality. The WIC program focuses dollars on foods that will provide good nutrition.

Healthy mothers who have adequate nutrition are also important for the development of their children.

Mothers in rural areas access WIC at a higher rate than urban mothers. Approximately 17,000 additional mothers could have access to healthy nutrition with bills before you.

While kindergarteners qualify for school lunch programs at the same income level as WIC there are approximately 10,000 kids who leave WIC at 5 but do not enter kindergarten until they are 5.

Please support better nutrition for mothers and children in Oregon so that families can be more successful.

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