

House Bill 2878

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE

SUMMARY

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Allows board of county commissioners to vote to direct Department of Human Services not to apply for waiver of time limit on receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for specified adults residing in county.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 411.806.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 411.806 to**
6 **411.845.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Department of**
8 **Human Services may apply to the United States Department of Agriculture for a waiver to**
9 **allow time-limited adults living in an area with an unemployment rate exceeding 10 percent**
10 **or an insufficient number of jobs, to be exempt from the time limit on the receipt of Sup-**
11 **plemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.**

12 **(2) A board of county commissioners may, by a vote of a majority of the board, direct**
13 **the Department of Human Services not to apply for a waiver, as described in subsection (1)**
14 **of this section, for their county.**

15 **SECTION 3. ORS 411.806 is amended to read:**

16 411.806. As used in ORS 411.806 to 411.845, unless the context or a specially applicable statutory
17 definition requires otherwise:

18 (1) "Administrative costs" means, but is not limited to, costs in connection with:

19 (a) Distributing supplemental nutrition assistance to recipients under the Supplemental Nutri-
20 tion Assistance Program;

21 (b) The compensation of personnel while employed in carrying out ORS 411.806 to 411.845; and

22 (c) Reimbursement of the federal government for any loss described in ORS 411.830.

23 (2) "Household" means two or more related or nonrelated individuals who [*do not*] reside **to-**
24 **gether not** in an institution.

25 (3) "Issuing agency" means the Department of Human Services.

26 (4) "Recipient" means an individual or household determined and certified, pursuant to ORS
27 411.816 or 411.825, to be eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance under the Supple-
28 mental Nutrition Assistance Program.

29 (5) "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" means a program under which the federal
30 government makes aid available to the state or its agencies for distribution through electronic
31 benefits transfer or by check to individuals and households certified to be in economic need of and

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1 eligible to receive such aid for the purchase of food from retail food outlets.

2 **(6) “Time limit” means a three-month period within a consecutive three-year period be-**
3 **yond which a time-limited adult may not receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
4 **benefits.**

5 **(7) “Time-limited adult” means an individual who:**

6 **(a) Is 18 to 49 years of age;**

7 **(b) Is physically and mentally fit for employment; and**

8 **(c) Does not have a dependent child living in the individual’s household.**

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