

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 18: Department of Human Services, Department of Education, and Oregon Health Authority Summer EBT Nutrition Program

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Campos

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report on the Summer EBT program, a new national program to address the summer nutritional needs of low-income school children. Beginning in June 2024, the program will provide low-income families a \$120 grocery benefit for each eligible child. An estimated 294,000 students in Oregon could be eligible for the benefit.

During the 2024 session, the Legislature approved funding and positions to implement the program and adopted a budget note instructing the Department of Human Services, Department of Education, and Oregon Health Authority to report in May and September 2024 on program implementation and lessons learned. The first report submitted by the agencies indicates Oregon is on track to begin providing qualified Oregonians the benefit by the planned June 2024 program start date.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.