

Submitter: Rachel Doty

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2728

Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rachel Doty and I am a resident of Dorena, Oregon. As a former commercial farmer in Lane County, and advocate of our local food system, I am writing to request your support of HB 2728, the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks.

This program is a win-win-win for all of us, Double Up Food Bucks supports access to more fresh fruits and vegetables; expands sales opportunities for local farmers; and promotes participation in our local food system. With rising food costs and production costs for farmers, this program helps alleviate barriers to the freshest most nutritious food available. This program is an important opportunity to support Oregon's economy and resiliency, by keeping more money circulating among local farms who are the stewards of our abundant land and water resources. Double Up Food Bucks has a real impact on Oregonians' diet and livelihoods and I encourage you to support HB 2728 to keep this program growing.

Many thanks,

Rachel Doty
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