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RFU coordinates with locally-invested food businesses to provide fresh, nutritious, and shelf-stable ingredients, assembled and delivered to our communities. While meeting the fundamental human right for food, RFU strengthens local economies: fostering collaboration, preserving jobs for residents, building resilience, and ensuring food security and sovereignty in Oregon. RFU was formed in 2020 out of the dual disasters of the Almeda and Obenchain fires and the impacts of COVID-19 on local communities. We have served tens of thousands of people more than 2 million emergency meals in seven counties of southern Oregon since 2020, and have seen firsthand the impacts of natural disasters and health emergencies that affect people in every aspect of their lives. We believe that building a framework for preparedness and resilience to be ready to meet individual and community is of utmost priority. We urge your support for HB 2990 to build and equip Community Resilience Hubs around the state so that more lives - and livelihoods - can be spared in the next set of disasters that we may face.