

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Human Services Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Campos

On February 12th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program.

Summer EBT is a new ongoing federal nutrition program that provides low-income families a \$120 summer grocery benefit for each eligible school-aged child. An estimated 294,000 students in Oregon could be eligible for the benefit. The program requires a 50% state match for program administrative costs, which is estimated to total \$12.5 million General Fund in 2023-25, and \$11.2 million General Fund in 2025-27. The federal government will pay 100% of benefit costs, which are estimated to total \$35.3 million per year.

The Department of Human Services, Department of Education, and Oregon Health Authority have requested funding and positions to implement Summer EBT, including \$12.5 million General Fund, \$97.8 million total funds, and 70 positions. This includes funds to contract with a vendor for IT system design, development, and maintenance, and staff for system development and application processing.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.