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Joint Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

At your hearing on March 11, 2025, during Oregon Department of Human Services' presentation on an overview of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Senator Campos and Representative Nelson requested additional data around stolen SNAP reimbursements, data time periods, and the percentages of SNAP benefits used to purchase fresh food in Oregon. Additionally, some clarity around the 50:50 fund matching with SNAP outreach contractors is provided.

Please see our response and corrections below:

### **Question 1: SNAP Outreach Contractor Clarification**

SNAP Outreach contractors can seek up to 50 percent federal reimbursement for allowable federal activities. On slide 8 of the presentation from Tuesday, the column that General Fund (GF) referenced as part of the 50:50 match is due to some of the contractor's like 211Info using part of the ODHS GF budget to match against the Federal Fund (FF) Ltd funds.

Most SNAP Outreach contractors find other non-federal funds to match against the federal reimbursement and those funds do not pass through ODHS and so do not show on the agency budget. The FF Ltd column which has the \$2,602,883.00 represents the total Federal Fund forecasted to be drawn down over the biennium to reimburse the 16 contractors who are part of SNAP Outreach state plan.

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This budget sheet line item only represents the direct GF or FF Ltd funding that passes through the ODHS budget.

## **Question 2: Stolen Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Reimbursements**

The total EBT/SNAP federal funds replaced in 2024 was \$3,411,357.00.

## **Question 3: SNAP Employment & Training Outcomes Data Timeframe**

The time period for the data shown in slide 28 was April 2023 - March 2024 and this came from Oregon Employment Department in the iMatchSkills system.

## **Question 4: SNAP Benefits Used on Fresh Foods**

While we are unable to provide exact numbers for SNAP benefits used by Oregonians to purchase fresh foods, we do have some helpful data. In 2023, national Farmer's Market data shows that 3,434 authorized markets had over \$42 million in SNAP dollars redeemed. Over 1.7 million purchases were made by SNAP households.

In Oregon during 2023 there were 136 Farmer's Markets and 102 market locations accepted SNAP. Of those 92 markets distributed Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb). Oregon Farmer's Market Association (OFMA) estimates \$2,065,046 was distributed in SNAP at Oregon's farmers markets in 2023.

The Farmers Market Fund (FMF) reports that \$1,611,751 in DUFb was distributed at Oregon's farmers markets in 2023.