

House Bill 2979

Sponsored by Representatives HELM, OWENS, MCLAIN, EVANS, Senator GOLDEN; Representatives BOICE, GAMBA, GOMBERG, HARTMAN, MARSH, PHAM H, Senators CAMPOS, FREDERICK, PHAM K, TAYLOR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives money to DAS to give to groups to help produce and distribute food. (Flesch Readability Score: 84.8).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to various entities for food production and distribution.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there are appro-**
5 **riated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning**
6 **July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for distribution to the following**
7 **entities for the following purposes:**

8 (1) **\$3,500,000 to the Oregon Community Food System Network for grants for small-scale**
9 **farms and ranches.**

10 (2) **\$2,000,000 to the Oregon Community Food System Network to support food hubs and**
11 **regional food system infrastructure.**

12 (3) **\$2,000,000 to the Oregon Farmers Market Association to support local food system**
13 **resilience and increase access for communities and agricultural producers.**

14 (4) **\$500,000 to the Oregon Farmers Market Association for grants to farmers markets**
15 **to cover costs associated with acceptance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
16 **benefits.**

17 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
19 **on July 1, 2025.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.