

SB 717 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (SNAP), with \$10 per month for personal hygiene products.

May incur subsequent referral to Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program operated through the Department of Human Services (DHS) that helps low-income families buy healthy foods from qualifying, participating sellers. SNAP benefits help more than half-a-million Oregonians, and more than 3,000 sellers participate.

Senate Bill 717 requires an additional \$10 per month be provided to recipients of SNAP benefits, specifically for personal hygiene items.