

## HB 2834 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/11, 5/18

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adjusts composition of the Oregon Hunger Task Force to include an additional legislator, and to distinguish between nine members from advocacy organizations that serve people affected by hunger, and nine members who currently experience hunger or food insecurity due to racial or ethnic discrimination or inadequate resources, as specified. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to consider demographic and geographic diversity when appointing members from advocacy organizations. Prohibits legislator members from voting. Changes quorum requirement from half of the members, to a majority of members. Clarifies reappointment. Reconstitutes membership with expiration of current members' terms of office on June 30, 2022; specifies all are eligible for reappointment; staggers expiration of new terms of office; and repeals reconstitution provisions January 2, 2026.

*House committee: 6-1*

*House floor: 55-2-3*

*Fiscal impact issued (impact anticipated to be minimal); no revenue impact*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Hunger Task Force was created by the legislature in 1989. It is comprised of 28 members who are appointed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). It raises awareness about the extent of hunger in the state, coordinates food and nutrition services, and recommends government action to alleviate hunger. Currently, four members are legislators; five are from identified executive branch agencies; three are from identified nonprofit organizations; ten members, one each, represent county government, low-income populations, migrants, college students, the retail food industry, food growing and processing industries, direct service providers, and three religious communities; and the balance of no more than six additional members represent other interests not already specified.

House Bill 2834 A adjusts the composition of the Oregon Hunger Task Force starting July 1, 2022, to include another legislator (for a total of five) and to differentiate between nine members from advocacy organizations that serve people affected by hunger, and an equal number of nine individuals who experience hunger (for a total of 18). The five members from named executive branch agencies remains unchanged, so that overall representation on the Oregon Hunger Task Force is approximately one-third each: from communities most impacted by food insecurity, from key advocacy groups, and from legislative and executive branches of government. The measure also requires DHS to consider demographic and geographic diversity when appointing members from advocacy organizations; requires a majority of members, rather than half, for a quorum to take action; and prohibits legislators from voting.