

## HB 2833 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Human Services

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**Action Date:** 03/29/21

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Leif, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/3, 3/29

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$150,000 to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to support the Hunger Task Force. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for children in school
- Model of determination of funds needed to support staff

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Food Bank reports that prior to the pandemic, one in 11 Oregonians were food insecure and today that number is one in four (an estimated one million people). People who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, or persons of color; women and people in the LGBTQ+ community; immigrants; and those living on a low income or who have been laid off, are all disproportionately affected by food insecurity. The Oregon Hunger Task Force was created by the Legislative Assembly in 1989 to research hunger and make recommendations for government action and investment. The Oregon Hunger Task Force reports that its budget has been fixed at \$75,000 a year, which covers less than one full-time equivalent staff position (less than 1.0 FTE).

House Bill 2833 allocates \$150,000 to increase the capacity of the Hunger Task Force.