

A-Engrossed
House Bill 4088

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Including House Amendments dated February 14

Sponsored by Representatives CAMPOS, SCHOUTEN, BYNUM, RUIZ, Senator LAWRENCE SPENCE; Representatives DEXTER, GRAYBER, HELM, HUDSON, KROFF, MCLAIN, MEEK, NELSON, PHAM, VALDERRAMA, WILDE, WILLIAMS, WITT, Senators FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, JAMA, PROZANSKI, TAYLOR (Pre-session 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.

Requires Department of Human Services to develop plan, with advice from work group, to implement Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Restaurant Meals Program in Oregon and report plan to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than [September 1, 2022] **January 31, 2023**.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to food assistance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall convene a work group to advise**
5 **the department on a plan to implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Res-**
6 **taurant Meals Program in this state that will allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-**
7 **gram recipients to use their electronic benefit cards at participating restaurants if they are:**

8 (a) **Seniors;**

9 (b) **Persons with disabilities; or**

10 (c) **Homeless individuals.**

11 (2) **The work group shall consist of individuals representing the geographic and racial or**
12 **ethnic diversity of this state who have:**

13 (a) **Expertise in food insecurity.**

14 (b) **Personal experience receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.**

15 (c) **Experience in the restaurant industry.**

16 (d) **Personal or professional experience in working with seniors, persons with disabilities**
17 **and homeless individuals.**

18 (3) **The department shall solicit public feedback on the plan developed under subsection**
19 **(1) of this section and ensure that the department receives feedback from an equity per-**
20 **spective.**

21 (4) **No later than January 31, 2023, the department shall report to the interim committees**
22 **of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, in the manner provided in ORS**
23 **192.245, the department's implementation plan for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-**
24 **gram Restaurant Meals Program. The implementation plan must include, but is not limited**
25 **to, recommendations for an evaluation of the program to examine:**

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.

1 **(a) Access to the program;**

2 **(b) The efficacy of the program in allowing participants to obtain restaurant meals; and**

3 **(c) The cost of the program.**

4 **SECTION 2. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

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