

Senate Bill 555

Sponsored by Senators GELSER BLOUIN, KNOPP, Representative MARSH (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 **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to contract with nonprofit organization to implement and administer program to assist recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance in purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from farmers' markets, farm share sites and retail outlets that participate in program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to be distributed to nonprofit organization that has contracted with department to implement and administer program and match amounts that recipient spends on certain eligible foods.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to program providing financial assistance to recipients who receive supplemental nutrition
3 assistance; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
6 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of**
7 **the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, which shall be expended for the purposes of**
8 **implementing section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall contract with an organization**
10 **to implement and administer a program to assist recipients who are eligible to receive sup-**
11 **plemental nutrition assistance provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
12 **under ORS 411.806 to 411.845 in purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from farmers'**
13 **markets, farm share sites and retail food outlets that participate in the program.**

14 **(2) The entity that contracts with the department under subsection (1) of this section**
15 **must be a nonprofit organization that has experience in assisting low-income populations in**
16 **accessing fresh, locally grown foods and that has established relationships with farmers'**
17 **markets, farm share sites and retail food outlets that participate in the program.**

18 **(3) The department shall distribute to the nonprofit organization that has contracted**
19 **with the department under this section the funds appropriated under section 1 of this 2023**
20 **Act to:**

21 **(a) Implement and administer the program; and**

22 **(b) Match the amounts that a recipient spends on foods that are eligible for supplemental**
23 **nutrition assistance, and that are locally grown fruits and vegetables purchased from**
24 **farmers' markets, farm share sites and retail food outlets that participate in the program.**

25 **(4)(a) The nonprofit organization that has contracted with the department under this**
26 **section shall review the outcomes of the program, including the program's impact on the**
27 **purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables by recipients of assistance under the Sup-**

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 **plemental Nutrition Assistance Program.**

2 **(b) The nonprofit organization shall prepare and submit to the department a report con-**
3 **taining the organization's findings no later than December 31, 2025. The department shall**
4 **make the report available to the public on the department's website.**

5 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

6 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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