

Submitter: Anna Wilson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2728

Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anna Wilson, I am a produce and mushroom farmer at Brown Bottle Farm. I am writing to request your support for HB 2728.

HB 2728 supports the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a SNAP matching program with a proven record of success. For every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm stands, CSA programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive an additional dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

This program is important to my farm in many ways, it brings customers to our market who might not otherwise shop with us due to prices, we've made new customers and increased sales especially in the last year, it's helped customers in need find nutritional and educational food experiences. We're able to price our foods at market value and still sell to people who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford local healthful food.

Continued support of this bill has a HUGE beneficial impact on my business as well as many other small farms. It helps rural markets get more customers and those customers are getting access to real, local, food and community. It's a program that benefits all eaters in Oregon.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

Anna Wilson, Mulino Oregon