

Submitter: Sammi Teo
Committee: House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services
RE: Support for HB 2728

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

My name is Sammi Teo. I am a resident of SE Portland, Oregon. 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 helps families access fresh produce, keeps dollars within our local communities (every \$1 of SNAP spent locally generates \$2-3 in local economic activity), and supports Oregon's farmers in a multitude of ways.

"A lot of people will buy more niche things with the Double Up Food Bucks that they normally wouldn't buy. It helps me as a farmer because it helps me balance the diversity of the farm."

– Catherine Nguyen, Mora Mora Farm

I urge your support of HB 2728. Thank you.

Sammi Teo, SE Portland