

SB 644 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Oregon Food Bank Audit Committee as a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly. The measure requires the committee to conduct an audit of the Oregon Food Bank's financial transactions between December 1, 2021 and January 1, 2025 and report on transactions that are related to political activity. The measure requires the committee to submit a report on the results of the audit to the legislature by November 15, 2025. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2025. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Establishes the Oregon Food Bank Audit Committee as a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly.
- Prescribes the composition and procedural requirements of the committee.
- Requires the committee to conduct an audit of the Oregon Food Bank's financial transactions between December 1, 2025 and January 1, 2025.
- Requires the audit to identify and report on all financial transactions that are related to political activities.
- Authorizes the committee to contract with professional auditors to conduct the audit who may request that the committee compel the production of records.
- Requires the committee to submit a report to the legislature on the results of the audit by November 15, 2025.
- Sunsets on January 2, 2027.
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Food Bank is a nonprofit statewide organization that manages the distribution of donated food to individuals experiencing food insecurity in Oregon. The food bank's central warehouse is located in Multnomah County which the organization uses to distribute food items through its network of regional food banks and partner organizations. The Oregon Food Bank also partners with the Oregon Department of Human Services to provide emergency food assistance to low-income individuals through [The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\)](#). The Oregon Food Bank's audited financial statements from 2017-2018 through 2022-2023 are available on the organization's [website](#).