HB 3201 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to implement policies to increase access to healthy and culturally relevant foods for children in child care, increases the reimbursement for eligible meals and snacks served under the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), creates a supplemental fund, and makes an appropriation.

Detailed Summary:

- Directs ODE to implement policies and procedures to increase access to healthy and culturally relevant food for children in child care.
- Directs ODE to increase the reimbursement rate for eligible meals and snacks served under CACFP by ten cents, as compared to the federal reimbursement rate.
- Instructs ODE to equalize the reimbursement rate for eligible meals and snacks served in a family care home across CACFP tier classifications.
- Establishes the Child and Adult Care Food Program Supplemental Fund.
- Appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to the Oregon State University Extension Service to create culturally specific menus for food based on CACPF nutritional guidelines.
- Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

<u>The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</u> provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults enrolled in participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult care centers. The program is federally funded and administered by states, and state agencies are responsible monitoring participating institutions for compliance with program requirements. <u>The Oregon Department of Education (ODE)</u> manages the CACFP in Oregon.

Federal rule sets <u>reimbursement rates</u> and <u>nutritional standards</u> for meals and snacks provided under the program such as requirements on inclusion of certain components for each of five food groups. Breakfast, lunch, and supper must serve foods from all five components, and snacks must include two of the five components (<u>Oregon CACFP, 2024</u>). According to the <u>United States Department of Agriculture</u>, CACFP sponsors and facilities are encouraged to meet participants' cultural, ethical, Tribal, and religious preferences.