

SB 452 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 02/04/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser Blouin, Nash, Prozanski, Reynolds

Nays: 1 - Linthicum

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/23, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$6 million from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for distribution to Marion-Polk Food Share, Inc., for a capital expansion project. The measure declares an emergency and is effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intended uses of funds for capital expansion project to acquire and move into a new building for operations
- Role of the organization in addressing food insecurity and child poverty in Marion and Polk counties
- The supply chain of Oregon agricultural food products
- Share of funds raised for the project from private donors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[Marion-Polk Food Share](#) is a nonprofit organization located in Salem. The organization provides food to local food pantry and meal site partners, delivers Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities, operates an urban farm, and supports a network of community gardens. The organization's caseload has grown considerably in recent years and currently operates multiple separate facilities to store and prepare fresh and refrigerated food items in addition to shelf-stable warehouse items. In 2023, the legislature appropriated \$1 million General Fund to the Marion-Polk Food Share for a mobile pantry capital project in Senate Bill 5506.