

HB 3201 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/05/25

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Early Childhood and Human Services, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Dobson, Harbick, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Ruiz, Wright

Exc: 1 - Nguyen H

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to implement policies to increase access to healthy and culturally relevant foods for children in childcare. It increases the reimbursement rate by 10 cents and creates a supplemental fund to support the change. This measure appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Oregon State University Extension Service, to create culturally specific menus for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults enrolled in participating childcare centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. The program is federally funded and administered by the states with state agencies responsible for monitoring all participating institutions for compliance with program requirements.

Federal law limits the reimbursement for meals and snacks to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal. Each meal must consist of certain components from five food groups: grains, meat/meat alternative, vegetable, fruit, and milk. Snacks must contain two of the five meal components. Meals must be documented through a menu.

The Oregon Department of Education manages the CACFP. In Oregon, the CACFP served 30,936 children with over 10,510,068 meals served in 2022.