

# Senate Bill 1018

Sponsored by Senator HAYDEN

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DHS to start a pilot program to ban using SNAP benefits to buy unhealthy foods. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.0).

Requires the Department of Human Services to operate a pilot program, subject to approval by the United States Department of Agriculture, to prohibit the purchase of foods of minimal nutritional value or foods with a high sodium, sugar or fat content using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Foods of minimal nutritional value" includes soda water, water ices, chewing gum,**  
6 **hard candy, jellies and gums, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, spun candy and**  
7 **candy-coated popcorn.**

8 (b) **"Jellies and gums" means a mixture of carbohydrates that are combined to form a**  
9 **stable gelatinous system of jelly-like character and are generally flavored and colored, such**  
10 **as gum drops, jelly beans and jellied and fruit-flavored slices.**

11 (c) **"Spun candy" means a product that is made from sugar that has been boiled at a high**  
12 **temperature and spun at a high speed in a special machine.**

13 (d) **"Water ices" has the meaning given that term in 21 C.F.R. 135.160.**

14 (2) **Subject to the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture under 7 U.S.C.**  
15 **2026 or other appropriate legal authority, the Department of Human Services shall operate**  
16 **a four-year pilot program in which recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**  
17 **benefits are prohibited from using the benefits to purchase:**

18 (a) **Foods of minimal nutritional value; or**

19 (b) **Foods, as determined by the Department of Human Services in collaboration with the**  
20 **United States Department of Agriculture, for which the per-serving sodium, sugar or fat**  
21 **content exceeds the nutrition guidelines established by the United States Department of**  
22 **Agriculture.**

23 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall submit to the United States**  
24 **Department of Agriculture a request for approval of the pilot program described in section**  
25 **1 of this 2025 Act no later than 90 days after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

26 (2) **The Department of Human Services shall report to the Legislative Assembly, during**  
27 **the 2026 regular legislative session, on the status of the request for approval and, if approval**  
28 **has been granted, the status of the pilot program.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
2        **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
3        **on its passage.**

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