TO: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue FROM: Hannah Walters, Community Philanthropy Senior Developer -Network & Gov't Relations RE: SB 108 DATE: March 12, 2025



Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Hannah Walters, and I am the Community Philanthropy Senior Developer for Network and Government Relations at Oregon Food Bank. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today in strong support of SB 108, which seeks to extend and enhance Oregon's Crop Donation Tax Credit.

Oregon Food Bank is committed to eliminating hunger and its root causes by ensuring all people have access to nutritious food. Through our statewide network of food banks, pantries, meal sites, and community organizations, we work to provide food to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. A key part of this effort is ensuring that all Oregonians-regardless of income-have access to fresh, locally grown, and culturally relevant foods.

The Crop Donation Tax Credit has been instrumental in encouraging farmers to donate surplus and marketable produce to food banks and hunger relief organizations. By extending this program, SB 108 will help ensure that nutritious, locally grown food continues to reach those who need it most. This credit not only supports hunger relief efforts but also provides financial relief to Oregon farmers who generously contribute to our mission.

As food insecurity remains persistently high across our state, we urge your support for SB 108 to sustain and expand access to fresh produce for families in need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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