

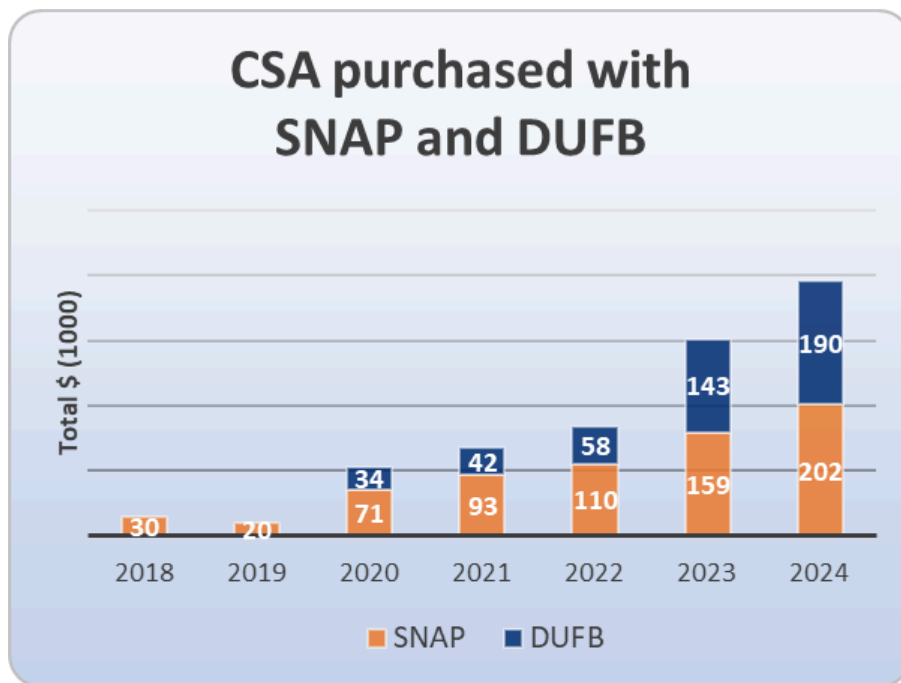


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Co-chair Campos, Co-Chair Valderrama, and members of the committee. My name is Holly Hutchason and I am the Executive Director of the Pacific NW CSA Coalition. I am here to express support for continued funding of the Double Up Food Bucks program in Senate Bill 5526.

My organization has been the State’s subcontractor for the Double Up Food Bucks for CSA program since 2020. I would like to share with you the amazing impact this program has had on food-insecure Oregonians.



This chart shows the growth of CSA shares purchased with SNAP since 2018. Prior to DUFB, our farmers never sold more than 200 shares annually to families purchasing with SNAP. However in



2020, over 300 shares were purchased. And last year, 712 shares were purchased – a 237% increase.

To look at it another way:

In 2018, without DUFB, 168 CSA memberships provided 16,262 meals.

In 2024, with DUFB, 712 memberships provided 68,922 meals.

Double Up Food Bucks is a clear nutrition driver: people spend more SNAP on fruits and vegetables when DUFB is available.

Feedback is overwhelmingly positive; 86% of survey respondents report a “very positive” experience with their CSA share.

“I had the most food in my house at one time, consistently this summer, than I've ever had in my life.”

“I want you to know that I just loved it. It has made such a difference in my world and was the best thing I did for myself all year. I ate better than I ever have before.”

“I love it! I can get much better produce through a CSA, support a local farm, and eat healthy food and it is affordable. It's a win-win-win-win situation.”

DUFB is also a critical revenue flow for farmers. In 2018, 11 farms participated in our program, with \$28,500 of CSA sales (average: \$2,590 per farm). Last year, 58 farms participated, selling over \$388,000 worth of CSA (average: \$6,697 per farm).

These trends clearly show how effective this program is at getting locally grown nutritious vegetables to the people who benefit from them the most. This program is a clear win-win-win for our communities, our farmers, and our economy.

Thank you so much for your support of this program.

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