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Food is a need and if we want birth rates and life expectancy to go back up, food needs to be known as a necessity and taken out of speculation. No longer treated as a want where it Must be Purchased Or it gets wasted (sometimes right on the farm). We are there yet but it's my hope that this another chisel at the breaking down the barriers between Oregonians and food.

Farm workers which are largely immigrants with no ability for SNAP, work hard so others get fed and it is time they have purchasing power of food instead of hoping that a food pantry is filled.

Thank you for what I hope will be an easy vote of yes.