

Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

SB 611 – Food for All Oregonians – Support

Chair Gelser-Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum and members of the committee.

Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports this bill which will provide SNAP like benefits to a small group of Oregon residents who do not qualify due to immigration status.

The benefits would be provided to those under 26 and over 55 in the population.

Lawful Permanent Residents under the 5-year bar, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants, people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) are included in those who would be able to benefit from this bill. Many of these same Oregon residents work and pay taxes including benefit programs for which they cannot apply.

Please support this bill so more Oregonians have the nutrition they need to thrive,.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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