

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 490

Ordered by the Senate April 9
Including Senate Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS (Presession filed.)

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.

[Requires Department of Human Services to seek federal approval and funding to implement pilot program to increase purchase and consumption of fruits and vegetables by recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.]

Establishes Task Force on Healthy Food for Low-Income Families. Specifies membership and duties. Requires report to interim legislative committees on human services no later than September 15, 2016.

Sunsetts *[January 2, 2021]* **December 31, 2018.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to low-income communities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Healthy Food for Low-Income Families is established,**
5 **consisting of members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Director of Human Services shall appoint representatives from:**

11 **(A) The Hunger Relief Task Force;**

12 **(B) The Oregon Food Bank;**

13 **(C) Retail grocers;**

14 **(D) Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon;**

15 **(E) The Department of Human Services with expertise in the Supplemental Nutrition**
16 **Assistance Program; and**

17 **(F) Other groups or agencies with expertise that will benefit the work of the task force.**

18 **(2) The task force shall investigate the opportunities that may be available for imple-**
19 **menting a pilot project in this state in which recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance**
20 **are given financial incentives to enable them to purchase healthful foods and to encourage**
21 **them to purchase healthful foods.**

22 **(3) The task force:**

23 **(a) Shall research grants or other funding available to finance the pilot project;**

24 **(b) Shall research how to obtain waivers of federal laws or be otherwise approved by the**
25 **United States Department of Agriculture to implement the pilot project;**

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 (c) May identify the geographic areas or populations to be included in the pilot project;
2 and

3 (d) Shall recommend the design of the pilot project.

4 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
5 of business.

6 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
7 of the task force.

8 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

9 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
10 ment to become immediately effective.

11 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
12 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

13 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

14 (10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

15 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
16 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
17 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
18 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
19 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for purposes of
20 the task force.

21 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
22 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
23 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
24 consider necessary to perform their duties.

25 (13) The task force shall submit a report, which may include recommendations for legis-
26 lation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services as
27 appropriate in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than September 15, 2016.

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed December 31, 2018.

29 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.
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