

Senate Bill 490

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 **as introduced**.

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.

Sunsets January 2, 2021.

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 Department of Human Services, in consultation with the United**
5 **States Department of Agriculture, shall develop a Healthy Food Purchase pilot program to**
6 **increase the sale and purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables in low-income communities.**
7 **The program shall provide up to 30 cents in financial incentives, added to the electronic**
8 **benefits transfer card of a recipient or offered as a voucher to the recipient, for each dollar**
9 **spent on the purchase of fruits and vegetables.**

10 **(2) The Department of Human Services shall include all of the following in the pilot pro-**
11 **gram:**

12 **(a) At least one county with above average participation in the Supplemental Nutrition**
13 **Assistance Program.**

14 **(b) At least one county with below average participation in the Supplemental Nutrition**
15 **Assistance Program.**

16 **(c) At least one county among those with the highest rates of poverty or food insecurity.**

17 **(d) At least one urban county.**

18 **(e) At least one rural county.**

19 **(3) The department shall consider all of the following in choosing counties to participate**
20 **in the program:**

21 **(a) The level of food insecurity in the community.**

22 **(b) The size of the population.**

23 **(c) The need for geographic diversity in the program.**

24 **(d) The availability of technology to food retailers that may participate in the program.**

25 **(4) The Department of Human Services shall seek all necessary approvals from the**
26 **United States Department of Agriculture to establish the pilot program and shall apply for**
27 **all available federal funding to support the pilot program.**

28 **(5) The Department of Human Services shall evaluate the results of the pilot program in**
29 **increasing the purchase of fruits and vegetables by recipients of Supplemental Nutrition**
30 **Assistance Program benefits and shall report the results to the Legislative Assembly, in the**

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 manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than September 15, 2016.

2 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed January 2, 2021.

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