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Reducing Hunger, Ensuring Equal Access to Hot Food

Senate Bill 1585 creates a task force that will work to allow Oregonians who are elderly, experiencing homelessness, or have a disability to access hot meals

SALEM, OR – Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 1585](#), which creates a task force to work to reduce hunger and ensure equal access to hot food for Oregonians who are elderly, experiencing homelessness, or have a disability and receive support from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) via federal programs like the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP). The RMP is a federal option program that states can sign up for to allow SNAP participants to buy meals from restaurants that choose to opt in to the program. [Nine other states](#) already participate in the RMP.

“This is a common-sense step that will allow Oregonians who may not have a kitchen or the ability to cook for themselves to get the nutrition they need. Not only will this bill reduce hunger and affirm the dignity of our most vulnerable community members, it will boost our local economy,” said **Senator Wlnsvey Campos (D - Aloha)**, chief sponsor of SB 1585.

[One in six Oregonians](#) receive SNAP benefits, and forty-one percent of SNAP participants are in families with elderly adults and Oregonians with disabilities.

Providing stability to Oregonians experiencing homelessness and lowering costs for hard-working Oregonians are a key pillar of Senate Democrats’ [Uniting Oregon Agenda](#). The bill now goes to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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