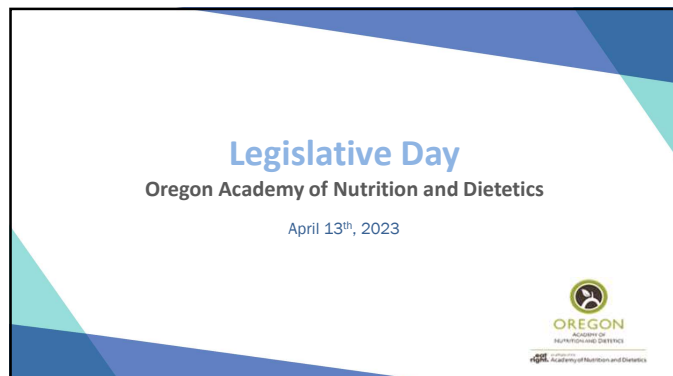
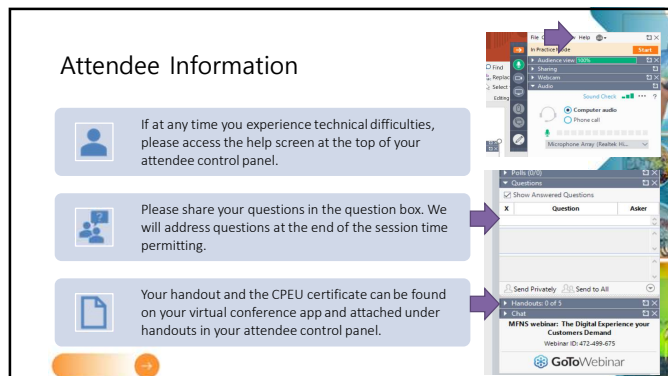


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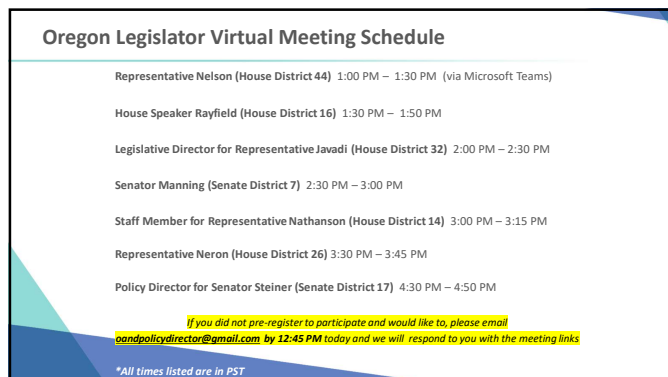
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## Poll #1

Which of the following best describes your current area of dietetics practice or role?

- A. Clinical – inpatient, outpatient, or private practice
- B. Community and public health
- C. Food service and/or management
- D. Research or academic
- E. Student or intern

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## Poll #2

Is this your first time participating in Legislative Day?

- A. Yes
- B. No

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## Poll #3

Which of the following best describes your level of background knowledge and experience with nutrition policy and advocacy?

- A. Novice – I am brand new to nutrition policy and advocacy!
- B. Competent – I have some experience and some background knowledge.
- C. Expert – I am a nutrition policy and advocacy pro!

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## Learning Objectives

- Describe federal legislative priorities for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and state legislative priorities for the Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Discuss the current policy landscape on dietitian licensure, medical nutrition therapy, and telehealth.
- Explore the importance and role of school meals during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Identify the impact of current legislation on school nutrition programs.
- Apply advocacy skills by participating in discussions with state legislators about nutrition priorities in Oregon.

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## Speaker Introduction

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## Licensure and MNT Update

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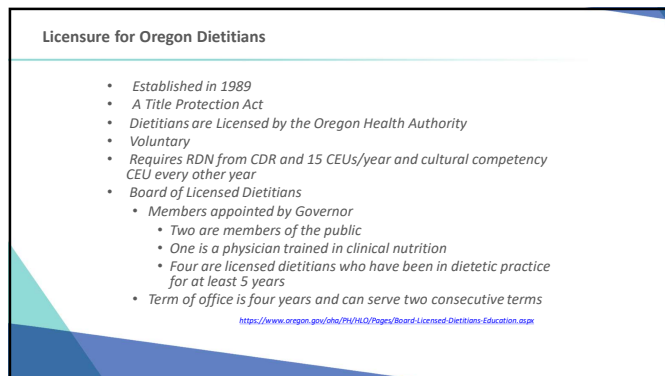
## DISCLOSURES

- 01 Member of the Board of Licensed Dietitians – NOT speaking as a member of the board
- 02 Renal Practice Group – Nutrition Services Payment Specialist
- 03 Member of the Oregon Academy of Nutrition Policy Team
- 04 Member of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Political Action Committee (ANDPAC)

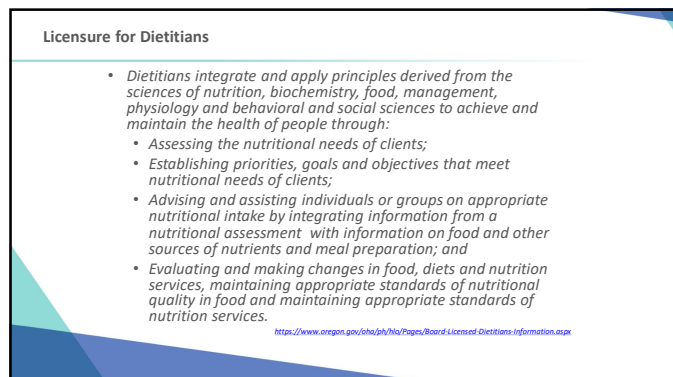
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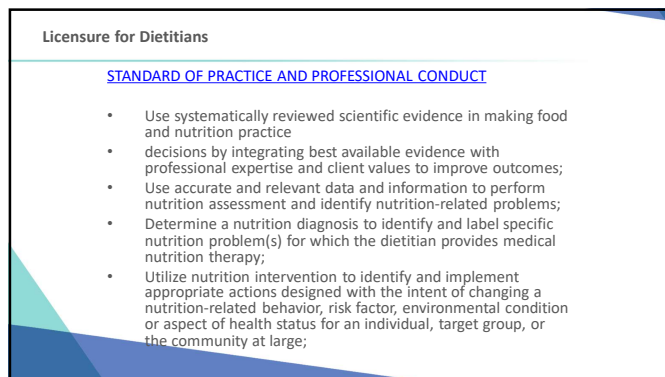
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## Licensure for Dietitians

### STANDARD OF PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- Monitor and evaluate indicators and outcomes data directly related to the nutrition diagnosis, goals and intervention strategies to determine the progress made in achieving desired outcomes of nutrition care and whether planned interventions should be continued or revised;
- Document and communicate the Nutrition Care Process in a timely manner;
- Apply appropriate standards of quality and safety in food and nutrition services; and
- Consider the health, safety, and welfare of the clients and public at all times.

[834-060-0000](#) Standards of Practice

[834-060-0010](#) Standards of Professional Conduct

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

- The most effective means for achieving borderless practice for licensed practitioners and military spouses relieving the burdens of maintaining multiple state licenses.
- 44 states and territories have enacted occupational licensure compacts for nurses, physicians, physical therapists, emergency medical technicians, psychologists, speech therapists/audiologists, occupational therapists, and counselors.
- The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics was selected by The Council of State Governments (CSG) and Department of Defense (DoD) to receive technical assistance with the development of an interstate compact to enhance licensing portability for licensed dietitian nutritionists.

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

- Funding from the Department of Defense (DoD)
  - Council of State Government
  - The Academy
- Compact Document Team and Technical Assistance Group
  - Include regulatory board administrators, licensed dietitian nutritionists, expert legal counsel and others with knowledge of the profession that will contribute to the development of the compact
- Legislative approval and does NOT eliminate state license

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

- COMPACT LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENT
  - Phase I: Technical Assistance Group: develops framework for Compact Document Team.
  - Phase II: Compact Document Team: drafts compact language based on framework from the Technical Assistance Group.
  - Phase III: Technical Assistance Group: Document team vets the initial draft with the technical assistance group before it becomes public.

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

### COMPACT LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENT

- Phase IV: Stakeholder Review: CSG publishes the language for public comment and feedback. CSG circulates draft language to all interested stakeholders for review and feedback. Compact Document Team considers suggested edits and changes based on stakeholder review.
- Phase V: Consensus Building: Compact Document Team shares updated language with the Technical Assistance Group and both groups come to a consensus on finalized language.
- Phase VI: Introduction: CSG will introduce the finalized compact to policymakers to promote enactment of the new compact legislation.

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

### Final TAG Recommendations



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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

### Compact Privilege Model - EXAMPLE

- To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and provisions of the Compact, the licensee shall:
  - Hold a license in the home state
  - Have no encumbrance on any state license
  - Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state
  - Have not had any adverse action against any license or compact privilege within the previous two years

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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

### Compact Privilege Model - EXAMPLE (continued)

- Notify the Commission that the licensee is seeking the compact privilege within a remote state or remote states
- Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the compact privilege
- Meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the remote state or states in which the licensee is seeking a compact privilege
- Report to the Commission adverse action taken by any non-member state within 30 days from the date the adverse action is taken.

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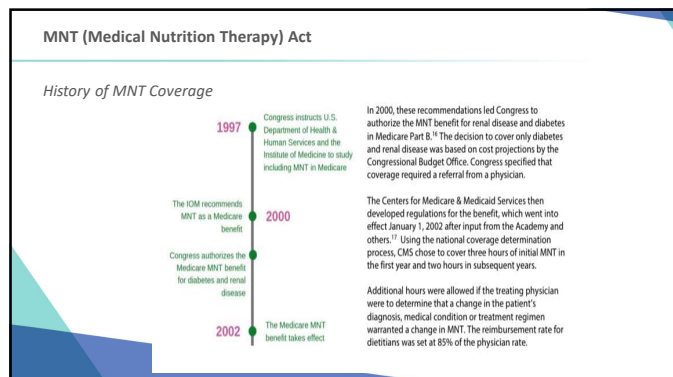
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## Compact Act For Registered Dietitians

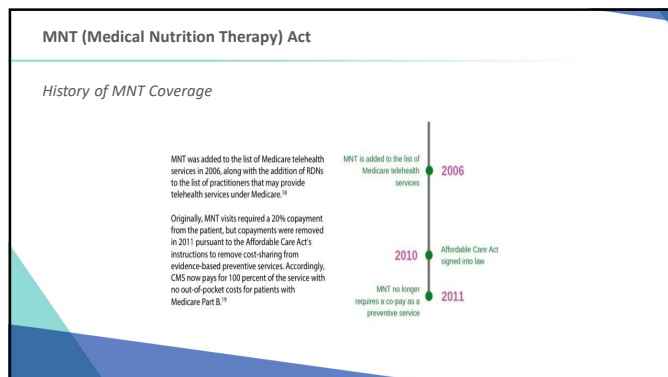
### What Does This Mean For Oregon Dietitians?

- It does not change our current Licensure Act
- To join the compact there would need to be legislation
- Depending on the final wording of the compact we *might* need to update our current licensure to allow licensed dietitians to join the compact depending on the language of the compact.

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## MNT (Medical Nutrition Therapy) Act

The bill amends the Social Security Act to:

- Provide Medicare Part B coverage of outpatient MNT for prediabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, malnutrition, eating disorders, cancer, gastrointestinal diseases including:  
celiac disease, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease and any other disease or condition causing unintentional weight loss;
- Authorize the Secretary of Health to include other diseases based on medical necessity; and
- Allow nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, clinical nurse specialists and psychologists to refer their patients for MNT.

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## Resources

- **MNT Act Advocacy Tool Kit**  
<https://community.eatrightpro.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=c356c1fa-5624-9e33-34d1-49abd24b20f8&forceDialog=0>
- **MNTWorks Toolkit**  
[MNT Works Toolkit \(eatrightpro.org\)](https://community.eatrightpro.org/MNTWorksToolkit)  
Step-by-step playbook for advocating for improved access and coverage of MNT to stakeholders
  - Commercial Payers
  - Employers and Benefits Consultants
  - Hospital Administrators
  - Primary Care Providers

**Power of Payment 2.0 – coming soon**

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## Telehealth

### Medicare

- Medicare Part B program allows several services provided by registered dietitian nutritionists and nutrition professionals to be offered via telehealth.
- These services include:
  - Medical nutrition therapy, individual and group
  - Diabetes self-management training, individual and group
  - Intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease (must be billed by the primary care provider)
  - Behavioral counseling for obesity, individual (must be billed by the primary care provider)
  - Annual wellness visit (must be billed by the primary care provider)
- The beneficiary must meet the eligibility criteria for the service, the provider delivering and billing for the service must be eligible to do so, the service must be delivered in the setting defined by CMS, and all other [billing guidelines](#) must be followed.

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## Telehealth

### Medicare

- The patient receiving the service must be present and participate in the telehealth visit.
- The telehealth services must include use of an interactive audio and video telecommunications system and must be in "real time." Therefore, telephone calls, images transmitted via facsimile machines and text messages (email) without visualization or stored and delayed transmissions of images of the patient do not qualify as telehealth services.
- The use of audio-visual interaction to provide MNT to Medicare Part B beneficiaries **during the public health emergency**, Medicare permits audio-only delivery for MNT (97802-4, G0270), as of March 1, 2020, in cases when audio and video are not possible.
- What will happen now the public health emergency has been terminated?

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## Telehealth

### Temporary Medicare changes through December 31, 2024

- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)/Rural Health Clinic (RHC) can serve as a distant site provider for non-behavioral/mental telehealth services.
- Medicare patients can receive telehealth services authorized in the [Calendar Year 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule](#) in their home.
- There are no geographic restrictions for originating site for non-behavioral/mental telehealth services.
- Some non-behavioral/mental telehealth services can be delivered using audio-only communication platforms.
- An in-person visit within six months of an initial behavioral/mental telehealth service, and annually thereafter, is not required.

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## Telehealth

### Online Assessment and Management Services

While not technically classified as a telehealth service under Medicare Part B, RDN Medicare providers may use the following G codes with their Medicare Part B beneficiaries after an initial MNT encounter:

- **G2061:** Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment and management, for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes
- **G2062:** Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment and management service, for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 11-20 minutes)
- **G2063:** Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment and management service, for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 21 or more minutes

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## Telehealth

- Oregon's Telehealth Information  
<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/board/philosophy/pages/telemedicine.aspx>
- Check with other payers about MNT provision requirements

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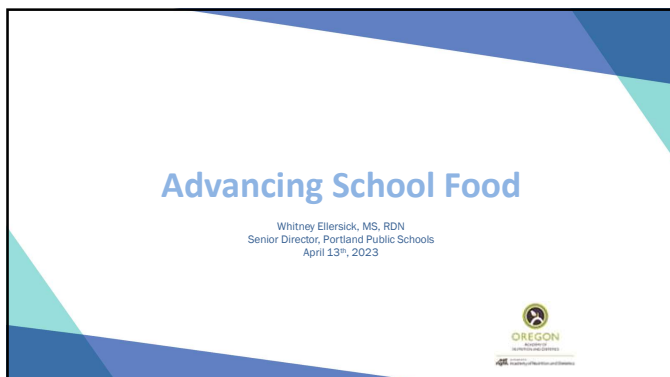
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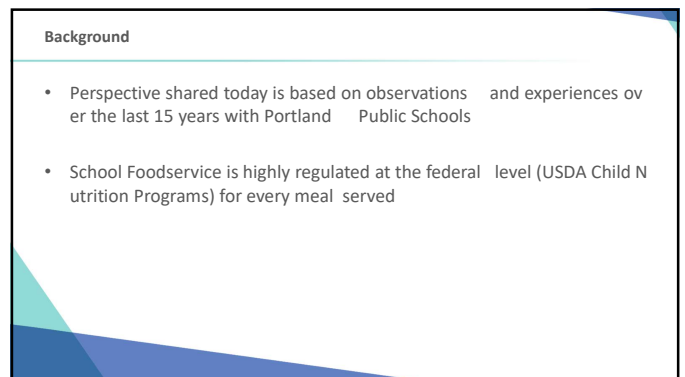
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## Federal influences on State legislation

Reduced price breakfast (2009)  
Reduced price lunch (2015)  
Breakfast After the Bell (2015)

*Student Success Act (2020)*

- Expanded income guidelines
- Breakfast After the Bell
- Expanded Community Eligibility Provision funding



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## Pandemic – USDA waivers

March 13, 2020

Waivers were approved nationwide or state by state



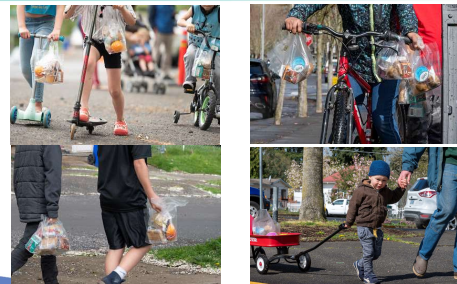
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## Serving Meals Outside the School Building



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## Grab and Go Meals for Home, All Days of the Week



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## Home Meal Delivery



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## Meeting with Senator Wyden



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## Representative Bonamici – Building Relationships



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## Continued Conversations about Importance of School Meals

- Conversations continue at the federal but mostly state level to show value and importance of nourishing students while they are in school
- Different platform and visibility of school meals due to the pandemic and many lessons learned
- Expanded CEP proposed
- While many states have adopted universal meals, Oregon is creating a task force that will continue to maximize federal dollars
- Proposed menu pattern changes, public comment period expanded

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## Oregon Farm to School

### Oregon Value

Collaboration between many organizations/partners

### Return on Investment

*In 2009 a pilot Farm to School program in Portland Public Schools and Gervais School District, found that every dollar spent had a 1.86 economic multiplier. A pilot investment of \$160,000 (\$0.07 per lunch) inspired over \$1.1 million in local spending and economists traced the dollars through 401 of 409 economic sectors in Oregon.*

Started with fruits and vegetables, Harvest of the Month, and then expanded to include grains and proteins, and even condiments!

Full bipartisan and continued support over the years; sometimes more than federal

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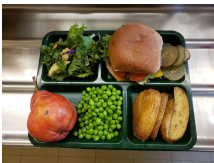
## To Student Favorites like Pizza



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## To Burgers and Sandwiches

Carman Ranch Grassfed Beef  
Portland Foods ketchup  
Norpac Peas  
Kiyokawa Pears



Tillamook Cheese  
Better Bean Company Tomato White Bean Bisque  
All bread fresh from Portland bakeries



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## Expanding Proteins – Turkey and Rockfish

Champoeg Turkey, Heritage Specialty Foods gravy, Reser's mashed potatoes, Hilltop Farms Squash, Norpac peas, Kiyokawa apple, local whole wheat roll

Local tortillas, rockfish\* from SP Provisions, berries from Willamette Valley Fruit Company, Produce from Pacific Coast Fruit Company



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## Expanding Culturally Relevant Foods

Salsa Locas – Lucy de Leon  
Eleni's Ethiopian Simmer Sauce



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## To Best K12 Noodles in 2019

Umi Organic Yakisoba Noodles



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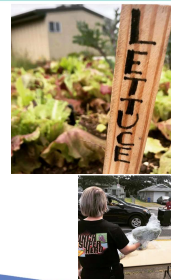
## Shared and honored community recipes

- Collaboration with OSU Extension SNAP-Ed services
- Health lessons shared throughout the district about the role of squash in Indigenous foods, recipes
- Shared recipe from Chef Nephi Craig
- Local squash
- Bob's Red Mill quinoa and pumpkin seeds
- Dorigold yogurt



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## Connecting gardens, kitchens and cafeterias



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## Lessons Learned

Nothing will change if you are not willing to share your story with those who influence your work.

Nothing will change if you are not willing to work for it.

Others may decide for you if you are not willing to speak up.

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## Speaker Introduction

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## Federal Policy Updates

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Public Policy Coordinator, Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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## Disclosures

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## Overview

- Review the Academy's policy priority areas
- Discuss current initiatives in each priority area
- Explore how you can get involved and take action


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## Academy Policy Priority Areas

- Wellbeing and Prevention
- Nutrition Security and Food Safety
- Nutrition Care and Health Systems
- Diversity and Inclusion

[Public Policy Priorities \(eatrightpro.org\)](https://eatrightpro.org)

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## Wellbeing and Prevention

Policies that support the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and obesity.

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## Current Priorities



Dietary Guidelines

Breastfeeding Support

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## Nutrition Security and Food Safety

Policies that support healthy food systems and access to reduce the risk of nutrition insecurity, foodborne illness and waterborne illness.



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## Current Priorities



Farm Bill      Child Nutrition


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## Academy 2023 Farm Bill Priorities



**Support**

Support nutrition security and health equity; improve access to healthy and culturally appropriate foods and resources to prepare them.



**Create**

Create a diverse workforce and ensure sound science and program evaluation for future evidence-based decision making that is grounded in promoting health equity.



**Support**


Support initiatives that foster a healthful and sustainable food system.



*Academy Priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill*  
Promoting Nutrition Security, Health Equity and a Sustainable Food System

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## Nutrition Care and Health Systems


Policies that support access to and coverage of high-quality nutrition care services.

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### Current Priorities



Treat and Reduce Obesity Act



MNT Act



Expanding Access to DSMT Act

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### Diversity and Inclusion


Policies that address the health disparities experienced by communities of color. This includes policies that support increased diversity of the dietetics workforce.

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### Current Priorities



Workforce Development



Equity within all issues

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### How to Get Involved

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## Complete Academy Action Alerts

**Action Alerts**

Amplify the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' voice for better food, nutrition and health policies. Action alerts allow us to bring the Academy's policy issues to the attention of members of Congress and help to raise awareness and add legitimacy to a particular priority issue. Available to both Academy members and the public, it is only for issues that are critical to support specific bills or topics, share your view with your elected officials, and advocate for strong nutrition policy.

Action Alerts are announced via *Eat Right Weekly* and *Linked News*, posted to social media, shared with dietetics practice groups, member interest groups and affiliate associations, and may be emailed to all or some Academy members, depending on geographic location or specialty. Members who promote Action Alerts to non-members may use this link to the [Public Advocacy Action Center](#).

[Take Action \(Members\)](#)

[Action Alerts \(eatrightpro.org\)](#)

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## Take Action Today: Support Senior Hunger Prevention

### Support Senior Hunger Prevention

For many older adults, including grandparent and kinship caregivers, and adults with disabilities, access to federal nutrition assistance programs supports their ability to remain healthy and independent, while also improving their overall economic well-being. An estimated 5.2 million older adults and 28 percent of households with an adult who is out of the labor force because of a disability struggle to put enough food on the table. Programs administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), help to support households facing food insecurity by providing access to healthy food. Many older adults, grandparent and kinship caregivers, and adults with disabilities are eligible for federal nutrition assistance programs. Yet, they often face preventable barriers to accessing critical nutritional benefits, which can result in significantly lower participation rates than other groups. In 2020, for example, less than half of eligible older adults and grandparent caregivers were enrolled in SNAP compared to nearly 80 percent of all eligible people. Confusion over eligibility criteria, complicated applications and limited enrollment periods, as well as transportation and mobility limitations are some of the barriers older adults, grandparent and kinship caregivers, and adults with disabilities face when trying to access nutrition assistance.

**Compose Your Message**

• US Senators

**Subject**

Support Senior Hunger Prevention Act S. 1038

**Message Body**

As your constituent and a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the Senior Hunger Prevention Act (S. 1038).

**Your Information**

First Name \* Last Name \*

Phone \* Email \*

☐ Send me text alerts

☐ Send me email alerts

☐ Subscribe me

☐ Enter Zip for City and State

[Send Message](#)

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## Join Policy and Advocacy Affinity Groups

The Academy's affinity groups are a great way to stay on the pulse of policy initiatives and advocacy efforts impacting the nutrition and dietetics profession. Meeting once a month, these specialized groups connect members with an interest, experience and/or expertise in a specific policy issue area with opportunities to learn more and advocate.

Learn more and register at [www.eatrightpro.org/affinitygroups](http://www.eatrightpro.org/affinitygroups)

- Dietary Guidelines Affinity Group**  
Meets the third Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Eastern time)
- Health Equity and Diversity Affinity Group**  
Meets the fourth Friday of every month from 2-3 p.m. (Eastern time)
- Licensure Initiatives Affinity Group**  
Meets the third Friday of every month from 4-5 p.m. (Eastern time)
- Maternal and Child Health Affinity Group**  
Meets the second Wednesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. (Eastern time)
- MNT Expansion Affinity Group**  
Meets the first Tuesday of every month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Eastern time)
- Nutrition Security Affinity Group**  
Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. (Eastern time)
- Reimbursement and Payment Affinity Group**  
Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, 2-3 p.m. (Eastern time)

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## Thank You

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## State Nutrition Policy and Advocacy



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## Presentation Outline

- 2023 Oregon Legislative Session
- Oregon Nutrition Policy Priorities
- Preparation for Meetings with Legislators

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## 2023 Oregon Legislative Session



- Oregon State Legislature gathers in early January each year
  - Odd-numbered years: sessions may not exceed 160 days
  - Even-numbered years: sessions may not exceed 35 days
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Oregon Legislative Assembly gathered for the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Several key steps in early January during odd-numbered years:
  - Newly elected individuals sworn in
  - Legislative leaders elected
  - Rules are adopted
  - Committees appointed
  - Bill introduction begins

Image: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov>

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## Food and Nutrition-Related Bills – 2023 Legislative Session

### Key bills:

- \*SB 610 – Establishes Food for All Oregonians Program
- \*HB 2803 – Requires Oregon Health Authority to study nutritionist licensing
- \*HB 2728 – Double Up Food Bucks program
- \*HB 3030 – Establishes Healthy School Meals for All Task Force
- \*HB 3089 – Authorizes Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award "Hunger Free Campus" designation to public universities and community colleges

### Additional bills:

SB 419, SB 545, HB 2616, HB 3038

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## SB 610: Food for All Oregonians



### If passed, SB 610 would:

- 1) Establish the Food for All Oregonians Program within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to provide nutrition assistance to Oregon residents who would qualify for federal SNAP but for immigration status.
- 2) Require Department of Human Services to convene an advisory group to recommend metrics to evaluate the success of the department in treating all applicants for and recipients of public assistance in a welcoming manner and with respect, courtesy, fairness, and dignity.

Image: <https://www.foodforall.org/>

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## SB 610: Food for All Oregonians



### Primary goals:

- Make food assistance available to all Oregonians currently excluded due to immigration status.
- Ensure everyone is aware of this support through community navigation and outreach, improved language access, and more.

### Groups impacted:

- Lawful Permanent Residents
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants
- Individuals with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) community members
- Undocumented immigrants
- Anyone in the process of seeking asylum

Image: <https://www.foodforall.org/>

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## HB 2803: Nutritionist Licensing

### If passed, HB 2803 would:

Require the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study the establishment of a licensure program for nutritionists with a focus on ensuring that the licensure facilitates health insurer reimbursement for services provided by nutritionists to increase access to professional nutritional advice for Oregonians.



**Note:** This bill is not going to move forward during the 2023 legislative session. Our policy team is following the bill closely as it may be reintroduced in a future session.

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## HB 2803: Nutritionist Licensing

### What we know about HB 2803:

- Introduced by a constituent seeking to establish a licensure program for nutritionists who meet certain qualifications to allow them to receive insurance reimbursement for services provided.
- Goal is to create a structure similar to Washington's Dietitian and Nutritionist Licensure Program.
- Further background information, workgroup sessions, and meetings to learn more are needed before moving forward.
- Opportunity for registered dietitians to advocate for evidence-based practice and the health and safety of consumers and our communities – get involved!

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## HB 2728: Double Up Food Bucks



### If passed, HB 2728 would:

- Require the Department of Human Services to contract with nonprofit organizations to implement/administer a program to assist SNAP recipients in purchasing locally-grown fruits and vegetables from farmers' markets, farm share sites, and participating retail outlets.
- Appropriates \$8,000,000 for the biennium beginning July 1st, 2023.
- Doubles the value of SNAP benefits at local farmers' markets so that shoppers may bring home more fresh fruits and vegetables.
  - Example: If an individual spends \$20 of their SNAP dollars at a participating farmers' market, they will receive another \$20 to buy more locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

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## HB 3030: Healthy School Meals for All Task Force

### Initial HB 3030 would:

Establish Universal School Meal Account for the purpose of reimbursing school districts for certain costs incurred in providing federally reimbursable meals.

### Amended HB 3030:

- Creates the Healthy School Meals for All Task Force.
- Task force gathers stakeholders to create and recommend a legislative proposal to make it possible for schools in rural, urban, and suburban communities across Oregon to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.
- Expands upon Oregon's success in improving access to school meals.



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## School Meals in Oregon

- Pre-Student Success Act: approximately 25% of Oregon schools took part in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- CEP offers breakfast and lunch to all students in schools with higher rates of food insecurity.
- The Student Success Act increased access to school meals in Oregon (most significant expansion in school meals nationwide).
- Increased to 693 Oregon schools all over the state participating in CEP.
- 45% of schools in Oregon returned to means testing school meals after the nationwide COVID-19 waiver allowing schools to offer free meals to all students expired in June 2022.



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## HB 3089: Hunger-Free Campus Designation



### If passed, HB 3089 would:

Authorize the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award a "Hunger-Free Campus" designation to public universities and community colleges that demonstrate required actions taken to combat hunger.

Require the commission, when moneys are available, to administer a grant program to provide moneys for funding student hunger programs and innovations at public universities and community colleges.

Establishes how commission must prioritize recipients of grants.

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## Requirements for "Hunger-Free Campus" Designation

- Establish a hunger task force that meets specific requirements.
- Designate a staff member responsible for assisting students with SNAP enrollment.
- Provide options for students to use SNAP benefits at campus stores or information on establishments near campus where students could use SNAP benefits.
- Host a campus awareness event.
- Provide at least one physical food pantry on campus or enable students to receive food through a direct, stigma-free arrangement established between the institution and a local food pantry or food bank that is near campus.
- Develop student meal credit donation program or designate money from the institution to provide free meal vouchers to students or pay for or subsidize students' purchase of groceries or other food items through grocery store gift cards or similar methods.
- Conduct a biennial student survey on hunger at the institution.



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## Meeting Preparation

- **General format:**
  - Brief introduction to the dietetics profession and Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Introductions (constituents encouraged to go first so that they can connect with their legislator).
  - Name, where you live/work/study, indicate if you are a constituent, share about your current role in nutrition/dietetics and/or any relevant past experience
- Opportunity for participants to ask for support for a specific food and nutrition-related bill, share more about their experience as a nutrition professional, and discuss nutrition policy issues most important to them.

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## Communicating with Legislators

- Be professional and concise.
- Consider sharing a personal or professional story that relates to a specific nutrition policy issue or bill.
- If you are asked a question and do not know the answer, it is okay to say "I don't know." You can provide an answer later on when you've had a chance to gather more information.
- Say thank you!
- Follow-up 1-2 days after the meeting.



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### Getting Involved in State Nutrition Policy and Advocacy



- Know who represents you and your community
- Contact your legislators
- Stay informed
- Consider providing testimony (in-person or written)
- Vote!

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## Thank You

What questions do you have?



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### Reminders

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Your CPEU certificate and the handout are available in your control panel.

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Remember the legislator sessions today!

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Watch for a post-event evaluation – we appreciate your feedback!

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