



Feed Oregon Kids Today, Grow Leaders For Tomorrow

Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act (H.R. 5504)

Feed Kids, Grow Leaders analysis of House Education and Labor Committee Chair George Miller's child nutrition reauthorization bill

On June 10, 2010, House Education and Labor Committee Chair George Miller (D-CA) released the *Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act* (H.R. 5504). The bill makes positive new investments that will ensure low-income children can receive the nutritious meals they need, including:

- Lowers the area eligibility threshold for the Summer Food Service Program to 40 percent in rural areas.
- Creates the following pilots:
 - Allowing community-based and local government agencies (but not schools) to serve after-school meals and snacks through the Summer Food Service Program in ten states.
 - Allowing schools to serve after-school meals and snacks through NSLP in five states.
 - Allowing five states the option of serving an additional meal or snack for children in child care for more than eight hours.
- Provides funding to conduct research into the causes and consequences of hunger.
- Allows new paperless options for universal school meals.
- Provides funding for nutrition education.

Oregon's *Feed Kids, Grow Leaders* coalition encourages Oregon House members to work with the committee to find additional investments that will meet President Obama's goal of \$10 billion over 10 years in new funding. Additionally, the coalition seeks the following critical improvements in the bill:

1. Increased access to child nutrition programs for low-income children.

- Expand the area eligibility threshold to 40 percent for all out of school time programs, including the Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program, including After School At-Risk Meals and Snacks in all geographic areas. (H.B.4743/S. 3040)

2. Additional funding for all child nutrition programs.

- Provide funding for transportation in rural areas for the Summer Food Service Program. (H.B.4743/ S.3040)
- Provide funding for outreach grants for the Summer Food Service Program.
- Increased reimbursements for all child nutrition programs.

3. Streamlining of child nutrition programs.

- Extend the above pilots to all states.

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