



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
Human Services

August 12, 2025



2025-27 Legislative Session Briefing

Today's conversation

1. Welcome and introductions
2. ODHS vision
3. 2025 legislative session recap
4. Navigating federal changes
5. Q+A



Welcome



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ODHS vision

All who live in Oregon, regardless of race, identity, age, disability or place, have the needed supports to achieve **whole well-being for ourselves, our families and our communities.**



2025: Budget building in challenging times

**Federal
uncertainties**



**Limited
state resources**

ODHS' key budget priorities for 2025-27



Maintaining core services to youth, families, older adults and people with disabilities



Increasing oversight capacity and enhancing safety for ODHS clients and staff



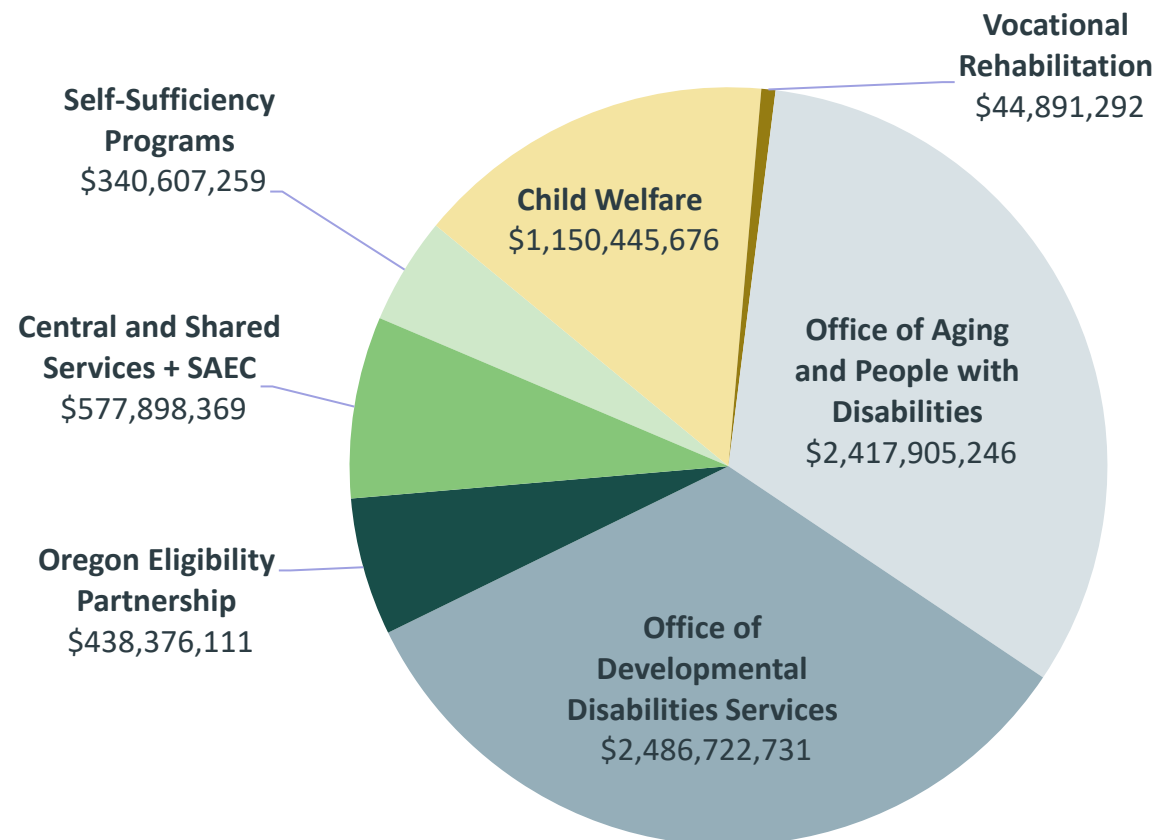
Enhancing customer service through technology and process improvements

ODHS 2025-27 legislatively adopted budget

Agencywide:

- **\$7.5 billion** state General Fund
- **\$23 billion** total funds

ODHS 2025-27 LAB by Program: General Fund



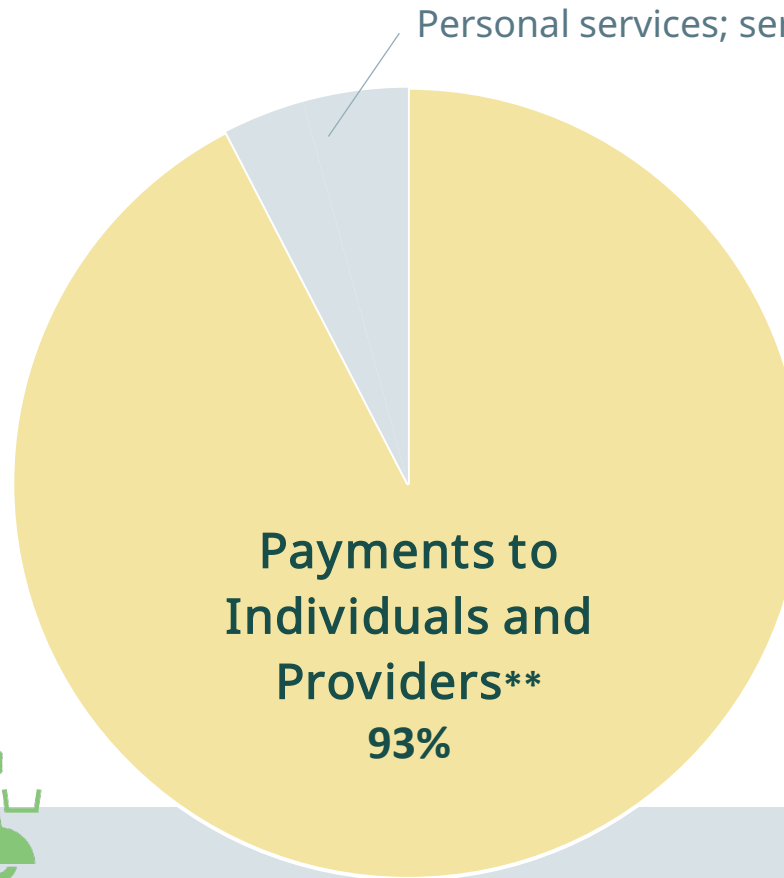
SAEC = State Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs

NOTE: Dollar figures are as adopted by the state legislature and may be impacted by coming changes in federal funding.

More than 90% of our budget goes to communities

**\$1.97 billion
annually**

in food assistance
(SNAP) and Temporary
Assistance for Needy
Families (TANF)



**\$1.58 billion
annually**

in payments to Home
Care Workers, Personal
Support Workers, and
nursing facilities



Percentages based on 2025-27 **Governor's
recommended budget** for ODHS.

**Includes service delivery staff costs

Key investments and policy changes



2025 highlights: Policy option packages (POPs)

POP 101

Allows timely inspection of community-based care facilities, ensuring safety for **older adults and people with disabilities**



POP 502

Resources to sustain core services for **youth experiencing homelessness**, including street outreach and short-term housing



POP 201

Funding to upgrade **benefit and provider payment systems** and ensure they are reliable and accurate



Other key investments



Resources to expand consumers' **in-home service options** through Agency with Choice



Funding to increase rates for **adult foster home providers**



Workload investments for AAAs, CDDPs** and Brokerages around the state



**Area Agencies on Aging and Community Developmental Disabilities Programs

Major policy bills

Senate Bill 136



Supports client safety
by giving ODHS
authority to revoke
underperforming
provider licenses/
certificates

Senate Bill 296



Helps people get out
of hospitals and into
Medicaid long-term
care faster

Senate Bill 739



Strengthens
oversight of homes
and facilities serving
older adults and
people with
disabilities

Senate Bill 960

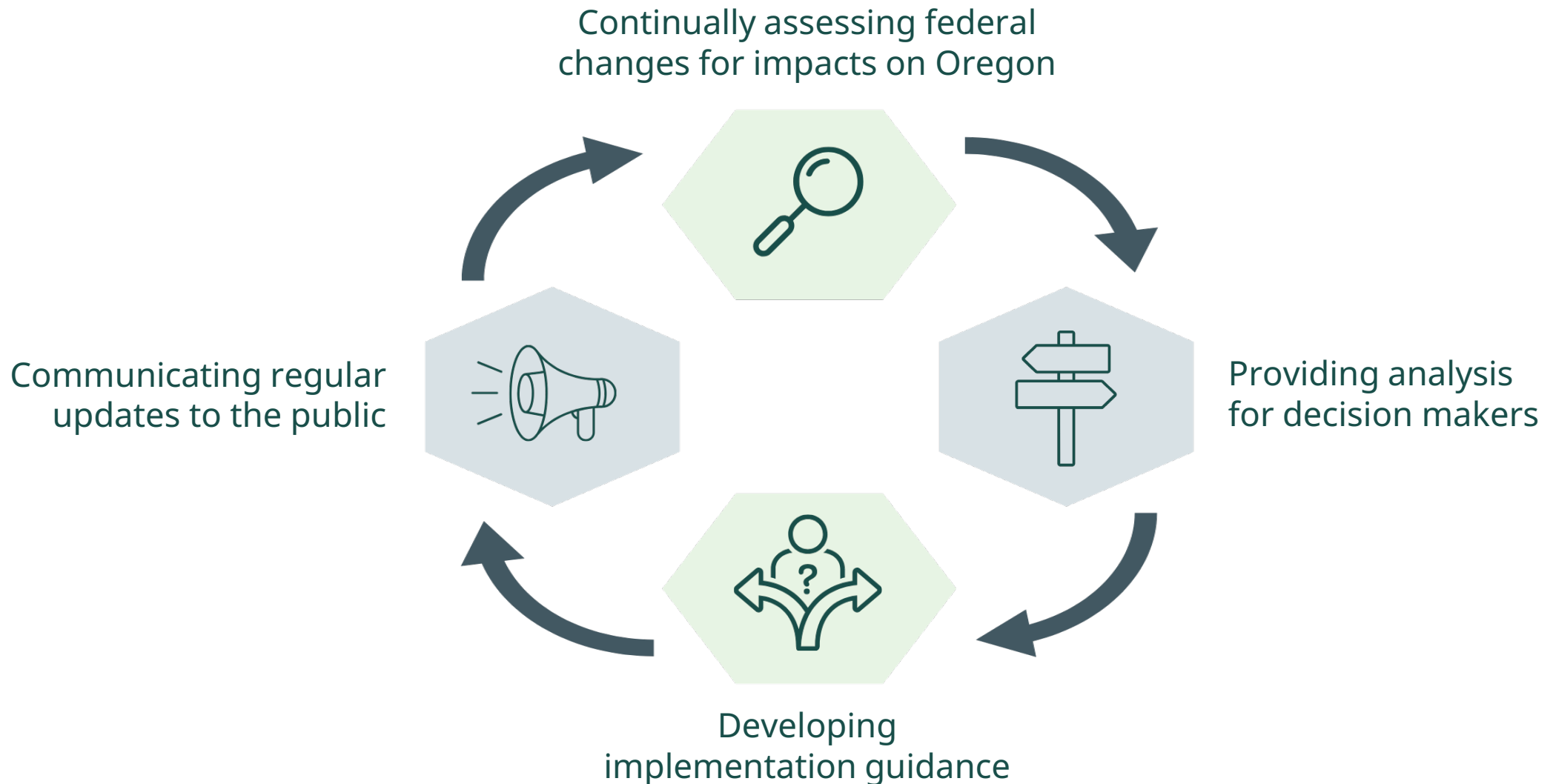


Updates law to
ensure resettlement
agencies can contract
with ODHS to support
refugees

Navigating federal changes



ODHS Federal Action Coordination Team (FACT)



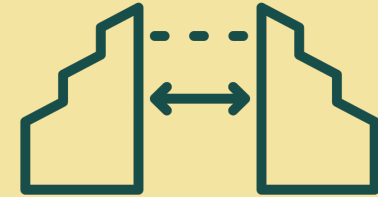
U.S. House Resolution 1



Signed into law
July 4, 2025

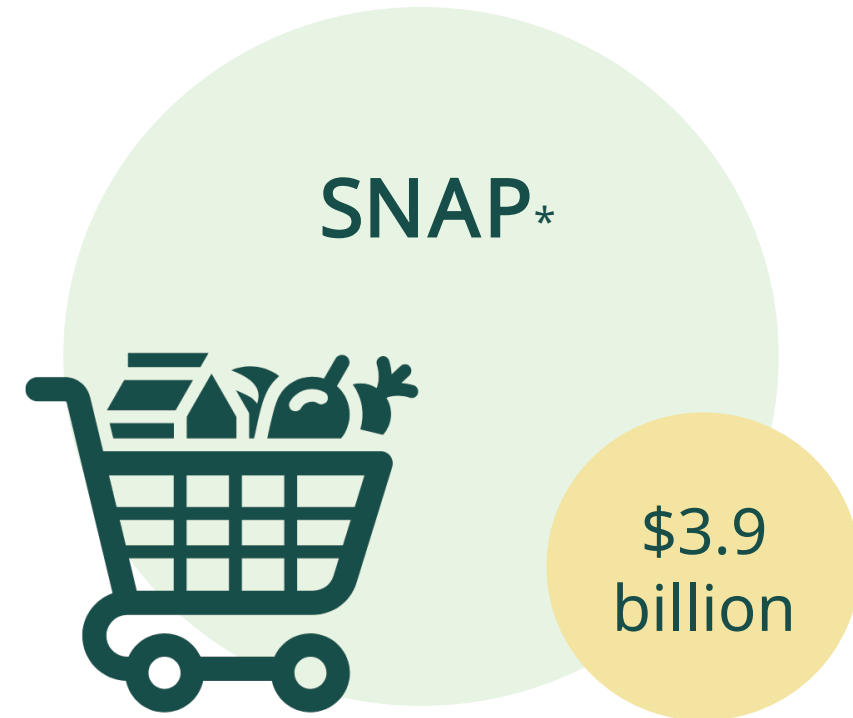
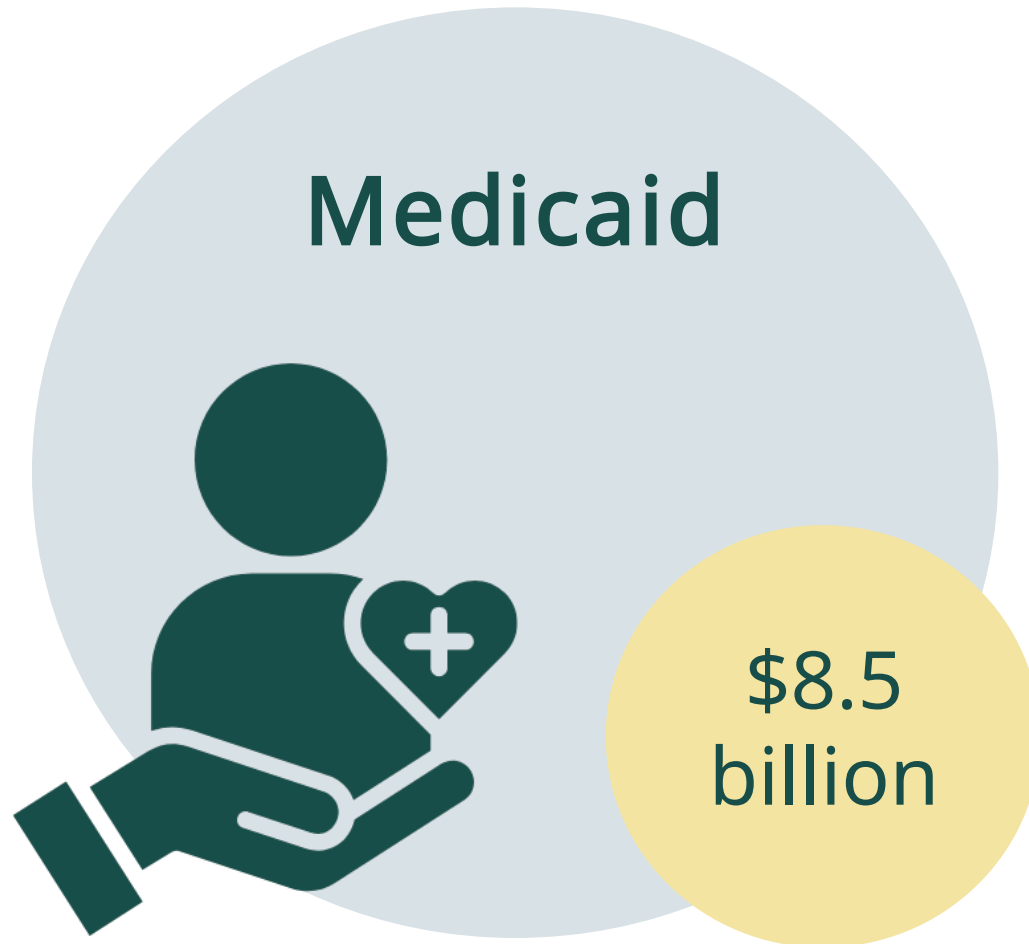


Significant
changes to food
and medical
programs



State budget
cannot fill all the
resulting gaps

Top two federal funding sources for ODHS



*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

All dollar figures are estimates based on the 2025-27 Governor's recommended budget for ODHS. SNAP figure includes both limited and non-limited federal funds.

One in three Oregonians
are covered by Oregon's Medicaid
program (the Oregon Health Plan
or OHP), including **half of all**
children in our state.



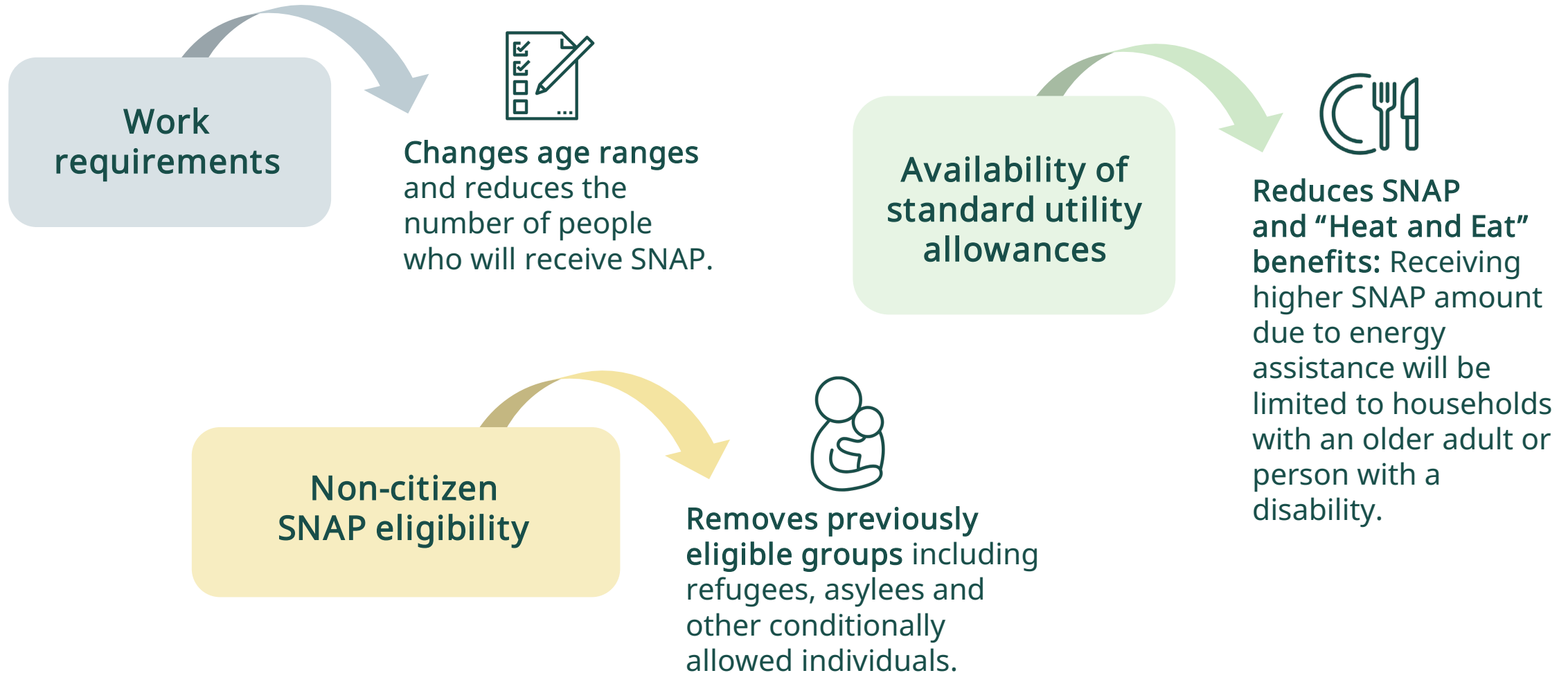
H.R.1 impacts: SNAP

One in six Oregonians
count on SNAP to help meet
their food needs.

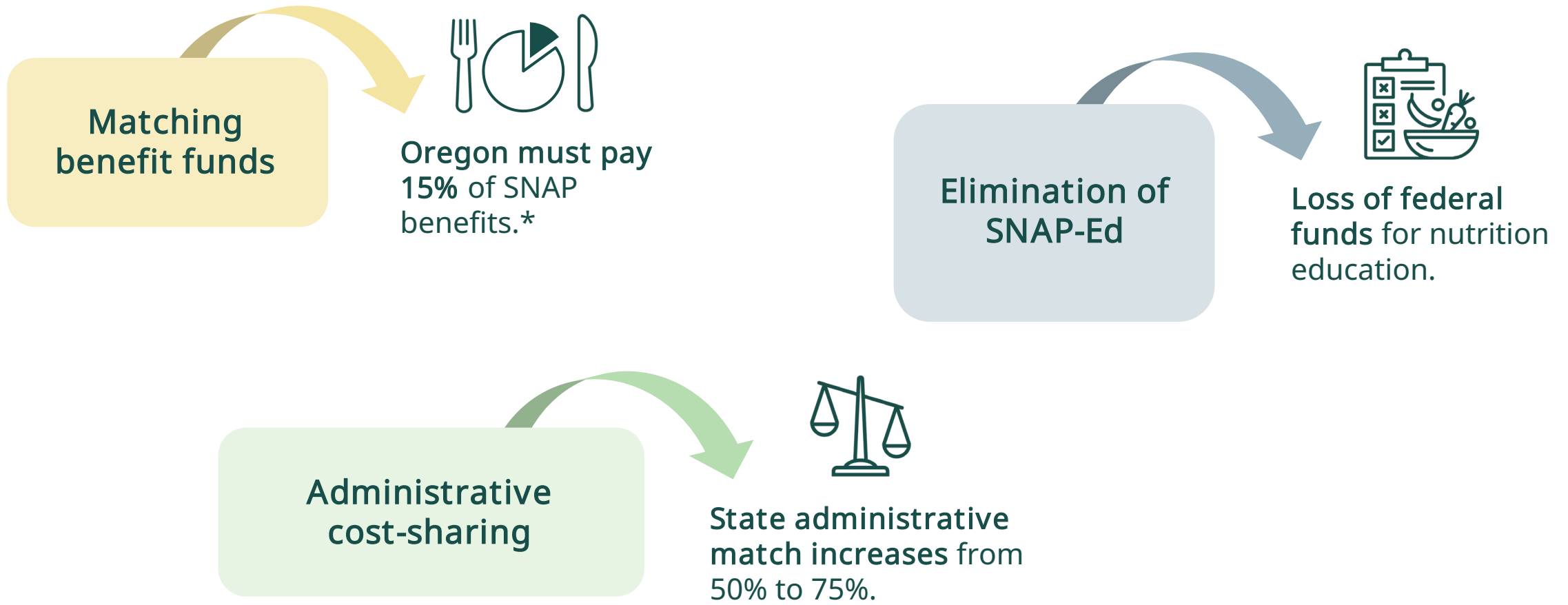
- SNAP monthly benefits **will not rise with food prices.**
- New SNAP work requirements will impact more than **310,000 adults** in Oregon, including people over 60 and those living in job-scarce communities.
- About **17,000 Oregon households** will see reduced benefits due to changes in Standard Utility Allowance for those receiving energy assistance.
- **Nearly 3,000 lawfully present noncitizens** will lose their benefits.



H.R.1: Changing SNAP eligibility levels



H.R.1: Shifting SNAP costs to states



*Based on Oregon's current 14% payment error rate

Navigating change together

- The bulk of the changes from H.R.1 have not taken effect.
- ODHS is continuing H.R.1 impact discussions with the Governor which will inform next steps.
- No matter what lies ahead, our mission remains unchanged.



What's next?



Special session
begins



Aug 29
2025



Legislative
Days



Sep 29 – Oct 1
2025



Legislative
Days



Nov 17 - 19
2025



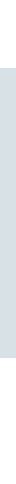
Legislative
Days



Jan 13 - 15
2026



2026 regular
(short) session
begins



Feb
2026



Agency budget
development
begins



March
2026

Questions and discussion



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More info

- Visit the [ODHS Budget](#) web page.
- Learn more about key 2025 legislative investments in our [End of Session Report](#).
- Visit our [Updates about Federal Changes](#) web page for information in English and Spanish.



English



Español



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- Subscribe to our [partner newsletter](#).
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- [Register](#) for the **Forward Together webinar on Sept. 30, 2025**, for federal updates for partners.

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Thank you.

