



# **Food Service Advisory Committee Biennial Legislative Report**

**October 2024**

## **Introduction**

The Food Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) is authorized by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 624.121. The mission of the FSAC is to assist and advise the Foodborne Illness Prevention Program in achieving its goals; represent the Committee's constituencies; and ensure food safety and the protection of Oregon's citizens. The Committee is comprised of 12 to 15 members representing the food service industry, consumers, educators, dietitians, and local, state, and federal regulatory officials.

ORS 624.121 requires the FSAC to submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on October 1 of every even numbered year regarding the implementation of the following statutes which relate to the licensing and regulation of food service facilities:

- ORS 624.020: License application, fee payment, denial, suspension, revocation, posting, and nontransferability;
- ORS 624.060: Inspection and re-inspection schedule of restaurants and bed and breakfast facilities; posting of required notices regarding compliance;
- ORS 624.073: License revocation, suspension, or refusal; facility closure; minimum acceptable sanitation score; inspection schedule;
- ORS 624.495: Foodborne illness prevention program; consultation with groups representing local health officials and statewide restaurant associations in the development of rules; and
- ORS 624.510: Intergovernmental agreements with local public health authorities; fee collection and remittance for coverage of administration and enforcement costs; rules.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee has no recommendations at this time for amending the above statutes on licensing and regulation of food service facilities.

## **Accomplishments**

The FSAC accomplished the following during the 2022-2024 biennium:

- Discussed the impact of COVID-19 across various facets of the food service industry to give OHA a clear picture of the continued challenges created by the pandemic.
- Improved the process to replenish committee membership and reach out to different segments of the food service industry. This included updating the membership application and creating a one-page informational sheet about the FSAC to distribute to potential members.
- Provided feedback on rule changes around reusable containers in food service facilities to implement SB545 (2023).

- Coordinated and collaborated with Oregon Department of Agriculture and local county Environmental Health Departments on food safety topics of concern.
- Revised and updated the committee’s operational guidelines to reflect the goals of the current committee participants more accurately, such as the ability to convene via video conferencing for meetings instead of in person.

**Action Steps for 2024-2026**

The FSAC intends to accomplish the following during the 2024-2026 biennium:

- The FSAC will be an active participant on Foodborne Illness Prevention Program workgroups to develop recommendations relating to adoption of the 2022 US Food and Drug Administration Food Code or any other food service-related rule changes.
- The FSAC will advise the Foodborne Illness Prevention Program on guidance to industry and counties on best practices to reduce bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.
- The FSAC will advise the Foodborne Illness Prevention Program on guidance to industry and counties on implementation of Food Manager Certification.

**Committee Members:**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Company/ Organization</b>	<b>FSAC Position</b>
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Eric	Mone	EH Supervisor	Deschutes County Environmental Health	Regulatory – Conference of Local Environmental Health Supervisors
Erin	Lockett	Retail Food Specialist	Oregon Department of Agriculture	Regulatory – ODA
Greg	Astley*	Director of Government Affairs	Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Assoc	Industry – Restaurant Association, Chair
Jason	Horn	Food Safety Manager	In-N-Out Burger	Industry – Quick Serve

Kathryn	Kennedy	FDA Regional Food Specialist	Food and Drug Administration	Regulatory - FDA
Kevin	Sanderson**	Market Quality Assurance Manager	New Seasons Market	Industry – Grocery Quick Serve, Vice Chair
Leah	Tucker	Executive Director	Oregon Mobile Food Vendor Assoc	Industry – Mobile Unit Industry Association
Scott	King	Food Safety Doc Specialist/HACCP Manager	Elephant's Deli	Industry - Full Serve with Variance
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