

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/15, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Department of Human Services to provide non-cash benefits to individuals receiving assistance under the Oregon Supplemental Income Plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Savings created
- Benefit to clients

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Annual or monthly checks are issued to individuals on the Oregon Supplemental Income Plan. According to the Department of Human Services (DHS) the checks are often for amounts of less than \$5. Printing, mailing, tracking and other administrative services related to the required cash benefit provided by each check costs more than program recipients receive. Many of the checks are never cashed. HB 3065 would allow DHS to combine the benefit with other aid in order to provide more meaningful assistance.