## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3384 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Dembrow

**House Committee on Human Services** 

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral 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:** 3/20, 4/17, 4/27

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients enrolled in school as an allowable work activity from being disenrolled because the number of individuals receiving aid declines from the previous year.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Benefits of Parents as Students Program

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Restores requirement eliminated by original bill that applicants for public assistance assign the state support payments accrued during periods when assistance is not received. Prohibits Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients enrolled in school as an allowable work activity from being disenrolled because the number of individuals receiving aid declines from the previous year.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon statutes currently allow Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients to qualify for aid while enrolled in two or four year educational institutions if the recipient:

- Is accepted for full-time attendance or enrolled full-time;
- Demonstrates that completion of the educational program is likely to result in employment that provides the wages and benefits necessary for the parent to support the parent's family without TANF benefits; and
- Makes satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the educational institution, toward a degree or certificate.

For each calendar year, the number of enrollees may not exceed one percent of the total number of TANF recipients. Under current statutes if the number of TANF enrollees decreases from one January to the next, the number of educational enrollees must decrease as well. HB 3384 prevents TANF recipients already enrolled in educational institutions from losing benefits because of a decline in the total number of TANF recipients.