

Enrolled
House Bill 2970

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BAILEY, BENTZ, CANNON, GELSER, KAHL, KOMP, READ, G SMITH

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to expanding utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall convene an interdepartmental work group within the Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness with the purpose of identifying and implementing methods to expand the number of eligible taxpayers who claim the earned income tax credits provided by section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code and ORS 315.266 in each tax year.

(2) The work group shall promote and facilitate interdepartmental collaboration and may invite participation by community organizations addressing similar issues.

(3) The work group shall:

(a) Develop education and outreach strategies to ensure that eligible taxpayers are aware of the applicability of the earned income tax credits and of the availability of free tax preparation assistance where available.

(b) Develop recommendations for ensuring that state agencies work together to maximize utilization of the credits while decreasing inefficiencies and duplication of efforts.

(c) Report its findings to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue no later than October 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.

SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

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