

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2970

Ordered by the House April 29
Including House Amendments dated April 29

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

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Creates Task Force on Utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit. Requires task force to report to legislative interim committee on revenue. Appropriates moneys to Department of Revenue to carry out duties of task force. Directs department to provide staff support to task force. Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular legislative session.]

Directs Director of Housing and Community Services Department to convene interdepartmental work group within Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness for purpose of identifying and implementing methods to expand number of eligible taxpayers who claim specified earned income tax credits. Sunsets work group on January 2, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

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

11 **(3) The work group shall:**

12 **(a) Develop education and outreach strategies to ensure that eligible taxpayers are aware**
13 **of the applicability of the earned income tax credits and of the availability of free tax prep-**
14 **aration assistance where available.**

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

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

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

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.