

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2049 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Date: 6/2/2011**Measure Description:**

Modifies statutes relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2049 A authorizes DHS, for the 2011-13 biennium, to:

1. Modify the TANF up-front eligibility process by implementing a JOBS employability assessment, tying the assessment to receipt of aid, and providing services based on the assessment. Remove JOBS participation requirements for one-parent families with children under 2 except for volunteers.
2. Close Parents as Scholars program to new clients but allow plans in effect on 6/30/11 to continue.
3. Eliminate enhanced payments for TANF clients who are applying for federal Supplemental Security Income and Social Security disability benefits (Pre-SSI/SSDI).
4. Suspend Post-TANF payments.

The bill also allows DHS to continue several program restrictions for the 2011-13 biennium that were in place for the 2009-11 biennium but which would otherwise expire 6/30/11:

1. Deny aid based on a "job quit" period, which is modified to within 60 days of TANF application.
2. An income eligibility limit equal to 185% of federal poverty guidelines for non-parent caretaker relatives of dependent children.
3. Eligibility restrictions for employment related day care assistance for self-employed parents.
4. Elimination of the reduced first month copayment for employment related day care assistance.

The bill also authorizes two on-going changes which:

1. Strengthen the JOBS re-engagement and disqualification process for non-compliance.
2. Makes assignment of rights to child support consistent without regard to TANF funding source.

DHS anticipates the bill will allow the program to realize a net \$10.6 million General Fund savings for the 2011-13 biennium and \$2.7 million General Fund savings for the 2013-15 biennium, as detailed below:

Program	2011-13	2013-15
TANF Up Front Eligibility	(3,006,609)	
Parents As Scholars	(451,583)	
Pre-SSI/SSDI Enhanced Payments	(1,954,567)	
Post TANF Payments	(2,892,500)	
Job Quit Extensions	52,157	
JOBS Disqualification Process	(2,645,244)	(3,023,136)
Child Support	302,400	345,600
Total General Fund Savings	(\$10,595,946)	(\$2,677,536)

The 2011-13 savings are anticipated in the HB 5030 appropriations for the DHS Children, Adults and Families budget.