

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3440 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to provide aid necessary to prevent family from qualifying for temporary assistance for needy families program due to temporary loss in earnings.

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.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$12,051,417	\$13,531,758
Other Funds	\$366,919	\$389,861
Federal Funds	3,290,498	3,495,491
Total Funds	\$15,708,834	\$17,417,110
Positions	48	48
FTE	42.64	48.00

Analysis:

House Bill 3440 A-Engrossed expands eligibility and services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The bill requires the Department of Human Services to provide aid to families that qualifies for TANF as necessary to prevent homelessness and assist caretaker relatives in returning to gainful regular employment. The bill requires DHS to immediately conduct an assessment to determine a family's eligibility for TANF if the caretaker is unable to return to work upon receiving the aid required by this bill. The bill stipulates that total aid paid to a family during a single period of eligibility during calendar year 2013 may not exceed \$1,000, and limits the aid for families provided by this bill to three consecutive months or until the household income exceeds 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

DHS reports that to comply with the provisions of this bill, the agency would need to provide to this newly eligible population: (1) a pre-TANF program to families that are job ready; (2) retention services for employed TANF families; and (3) a modified Post-TANF program to ease families off the TANF caseload. Based on current caseload information, DHS projects the expenditure impact of expanding eligibility for these three programs to be \$15,708,834 Total Funds [\$12,051,417 General Funds; \$366,919 Other Funds; \$3,290,498 Federal Funds], and 42.64 FTEs for the 21 months of the 2013-15 biennium. For the 24 months of the 2015-17 biennium, DHS projects the expenditure impact to be \$17,417,110 Total Funds [\$13,531,758 General Funds; \$389,861 Other Funds; \$3,495,491 Federal Funds], and 48.00 FTEs.