

House Bill 2717

Sponsored by Representative HANNA

SUMMARY

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Permits Director of Human Services and Director of Oregon Health Authority to suspend public assistance to recipient who fails without good cause to provide documentation to investigator in connection with possible overpayment of public assistance.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to investigation of public assistance overpayment; amending ORS 411.593; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 411.593 is amended to read:

6 411.593. (1) In connection with any public assistance investigation or hearing, the Director of
7 Human Services, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority or any examiner, referee or other
8 officer duly appointed to conduct the investigation or hearing may by subpoena compel the attend-
9 ance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, documents and other papers,
10 and may administer oaths, take depositions and fix the fees and mileage of witnesses.

11 (2) The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority shall provide for de-
12 fraying the expenses of such investigations or hearings, which may be held in any part of the state.

13 (3) **After giving a recipient of public assistance notice and an opportunity for a contested**
14 **case hearing under ORS chapter 183, the Director of Human Services or the Director of the**
15 **Oregon Health Authority may suspend the public assistance provided for the needs of the**
16 **recipient if the recipient fails without good cause to provide documentation of eligibility for**
17 **public assistance that is requested by an investigator in connection with possible overpay-**
18 **ment of public assistance to the recipient. The suspension shall remain in effect until the**
19 **recipient provides the requested documentation or provides other valid verification of eligi-**
20 **bility.**

21 **SECTION 2.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
23 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.