House Bill 3252

Sponsored by Representatives OLSON, TOMEI

SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Human Services to issue specified types of public assistance through electronic benefits transfer card except for specified benefits issued to senior citizens and persons with disabilities participating in demonstration project approved by United States Department of Agriculture. Requires electronic benefits transfer card to display photographs of all adults who are authorized to make transactions.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to public assistance issued through electronic benefits transfer system; amending ORS
 412.151.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 412.151 is amended to read:

6 412.151. (1) The Department of Human Services shall [provide direct deposit services for any

7 person receiving temporary assistance for needy families who has an appropriate account at a qualified 6 financial institution 1

8 financial institution.]

9 [(2) The department shall negotiate with electronic transfer processors to establish a system for 10 providing] provide temporary assistance for needy families and supplemental nutrition assistance to 11 eligible individuals through an electronic benefits transfer system that uses an electronic benefits 12 transfer card. Each electronic benefits transfer card shall display the photographs of all 13 adults who are authorized to make transactions with the card.

[(3)] (2) The department shall seek all state and federal approvals necessary for implementation of an electronic benefits transfer system as described in subsection [(2)] (1) of this section. [The department shall establish a statewide electronic benefits transfer system within six months of receiving all necessary approvals.]

(3) This section does not apply to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
issued under a demonstration project approved by the Food and Nutrition Service of the
United States Department of Agriculture to a senior citizen or a recipient of federal Supplemental Security Income who receives the benefits in the form of a check in lieu of an
electronic benefits transfer card.

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