

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to inform benefits recipients of changes to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through news media, information at sites recipients frequent, and general mailings to recipients’ households Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Current law requires DHS and OHA to send notice of SNAP changes to each individual recipient by mail a month before the change takes effect, and at least ten days before any changes that take effect within 60 days.

Senate Bill 225 relaxes this requirement by permitting notification through other, non-individualized means, but does not alter the individual-notice requirement for changes that take effect in 60 days or less.