

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: 2/19, 2/24, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TADVS) program to include victims and potential victims of sexual assault. Increases amount available from \$1200 to \$2000 per recipient. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) include additional information in report to the legislature every odd-numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current amount of assistance set in 1990s inadequate for housing and emergency assistance
- Program currently only includes sexual assault victims with domestic violence factual basis
- Similarity of needs of domestic violence sexual assault victims and other sexual assault victims

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law currently requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to identify persons who are victims of domestic violence, among those who apply for or receive temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) in order to make emergency funds available for specific purposes. The program is referred to as Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TADVS).

Senate Bill 503 expands the TADVS program to apply to victims and potential victims of sexual assault, regardless of whether there is a domestic violence factual basis, and increases payment limits for eligible recipients.