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The Honorable Alan Bates, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair  
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs:

Please accept this letter as response to some of the Committee's questions raised during the Overview presentation on February 9, 2015.

**Question:** Please provide a 1-pager on the overlap of different eligibility criteria and objectives for different DHS programs?

**Answer:** See attached document. Best to print on 11x17 paper.

**Question:** Do you have an estimate of how many people or organizations DHS contracts with? Specifics on ERDC providers?

**Answer:** DHS contracts with thousands of providers and the contracts unit does contracting for both DHS and OHA. The following chart shows the number of contracts by division for each agency that our shared contracts unit does. Each agency pays for the services the Contracts Unit provides for the agency.

Division	Total
Aging & People with Disabilities (APD) - includes DD	1049
Children, Adult & Families (CAF) - includes CW, SS, VR	1411
DHS Director's Office & Shared Services (DHS)	170
Health Services (HS) - includes AMH, DMAP and PH	1475
OHA Director's Office & Shared Services ( OHA)	313
Grand Total	4422

There are about 4600 day care providers which are not contracted with but are self-employed providers we pay subsidies to on behalf of our clients.

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**Question:** Is the Fraud unit and it's work going to be mentioned somewhere in this presentation?

**Answer:** The Fraud unit is housed in the shared services part of the organization and will be addressed during the presentation of central and shared services jointly with OHA in April.

**Question:** Previously the Legislature passed a bill to work with agencies/providers to reduce duplicate audits (busy work, paper work, processes that weren't necessary). Please prepare a memo that provides an update on this work (i.e., how many duplicates were eliminated, etc.)

**Answer:** We are working on a memo to answer this question that will come at a later date under separate cover.

**Question:** When you talk about administration later, please give trend lines on DOJ budgets and any ideas for how we can lower costs there.

**Answer:** Most DOJ costs are in child welfare. The trends for DOJ costs have been:

\$ in millions	2009-11 actuals	2011-13 actuals	2013-15 Budgeted	2015-17 GB Budgeted
Total	32.19	29.94	32.69	30.74*
Child Welfare	27.16	27.85	29.33	27.56*

\*Does not include \$2.0 million in DA funding.

DHS and DOJ expect to have something for you the week of March 3 regarding options with respect to funding "full legal representation" for child welfare.

We hope this letter addressed the identified questions adequately. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact Eric Moore at 503-884-4701 or email [eric.l.moore@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:eric.l.moore@dhsosha.state.or.us).

Sincerely,



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cc: Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office

Enclosure

**DHS Program Eligibility Requirements 2015**

	Child Welfare (CW)	Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)*	Aging and People with Disabilities - Medicare Savings Programs (APD)	Long-Term Care (LTC - within APD)	Adult Protective Services (APS)	Vocational Rehab Services (VR)	Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
<b>Age</b>	0-18, 18 - 21st birthday if in Foster Care prior to age 18.	All Ages	Any age with Medicare	65 or older or disabled	65 or older or disabled	16 and older	Children 0 - 12 years. Children with documented special needs are served through the age of 17.	Serves families with children up to age 17 and up to age 18 if the child is in secondary school or vocational training at least half-time.	Eligibility based upon household, which includes those who purchase and prepare together, children under the age of 22 living with parents, spouses and children under 18 who are under parental control within household.
<b>Disability</b>	N/A	0-7, significant impairment in two or more areas of adaptive behavior. Over 7, must have I/DD which was present prior to age 18 (defined as IQ 75 or below), or I/DD present prior to age 22 that originates in and directly affects the brain, and is expected to last indefinitely.	N/A	SSA determination of blindness or disability	Self identified disability	Must have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes a substantial impediment to work, requires vocational rehabilitation services to obtain an employment outcome with the presumption of benefit.	Higher child care reimbursement rates are available for children with documented special needs.	N/A	N/A
<b>Citizenship</b>	N/A	Must be a citizen or meet non-citizen requirements.	Must be a citizen or meet non-citizen status requirements.	Must be a citizen or meet non-citizen status requirements.	N/A	Must meet I-9 Federal Requirements to work in the United States.	Must be a citizen or meet non-citizen requirements.	Must be a citizen or qualified non-citizen.	Must be a citizen or meet non-citizen requirements.
<b>Residency</b>	N/A	Must be a resident of Oregon. For applicants under 18, legal guardian must be resident of Oregon.	Must be resident of Oregon	Must be a resident of Oregon	N/A	Must meet I-9 Federal Requirements to work in the United States.	Must be a resident of Oregon.	N/A	Must be resident of Oregon
<b>Income</b>	N/A	\$733 - \$1,100. Oregon Supplemental Income Program – Medical (OSIPM) is provided to individuals eligible for Medicaid due to age or disability, as long as they also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet specific Medicaid requirements (such as assigning rights to medical reimbursements, a resource limit, etc.)</li> <li>or;</li> <li>• Meet 300% of SSI or;</li> <li>• Qualify for federal earned income exceptions</li> </ul>	\$981 - \$1325	\$733 - \$2,199	N/A	N/A	Current income must be no more than 185% of the federal poverty level	Income limits vary by family size but in general, current income must be no more than 37% of the federal poverty level.	Most households must have gross income below 185% of the federal poverty level to be eligible for SNAP. Services are based upon income received in past 30 days.
<b>Asset/Resource Limits</b>	N/A	\$2000 - \$3,000	\$7,280 - \$10,930	\$2,000 - \$3,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	Applicant resource limit \$2,500. Recipient's resource limit \$10,000. Motor Vehicle limit not over \$10,000	There is a \$25,000 liquid asset test for households to meet categorical eligibility. All households that do not meet categorical eligibility must meet a \$2250 resource limit unless an elderly or disabled member is in the household—then the resource limit is \$3250.
<b>Other</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must meet service priority levels from 1 - 13: Individuals with the most impairments are assessed at a higher priority level. For example, individuals at level 1 have a higher level of need than an individual at level 13.	N/A	Youth age 14 can be involved in transition program activities.	N/A	Family must include one child or pregnant individual. Child only case must be under the age of 18 or under the age of 19 and in secondary school or vocational training at least half time.	Qualified non-citizens are only eligible when additional criteria is met or when a special status such as Refugee or Trafficking is applicable.

**\*Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities**

In order to access DHS I/DD Services, individuals must meet *one* of the assessment/diagnosis requirements. For all other programs, *all* requirements must be met.