

**Department of Human Services
General Assistance Study**

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on a general assistance study.

The Department of Human Services was directed to conduct a study on a general assistance program that would provide temporary cash assistance to low-income, childless adults with disabilities. The agency completed the study through a contract with Portland State University and is now reporting the study results.

The study includes recommendations regarding components for a pilot general assistance program, such as the minimum number of participants and cash grant adequacy considerations. A pilot program serving 200 individuals is estimated to cost about \$3 million over 2 years; about 70% of the state costs would ultimately be reimbursed by federal disability payments. HB 2194 establishes a general assistance pilot project and has been referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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