

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Human Services and Housing

MEASURE: HB 2392

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/25/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage, Be Referred To Judiciary, And Then To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 02/25

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services to print names of authorized adult users on electronic benefits transfer cards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to more appropriate committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

An Oregon Trail Card is an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, similar to a debit card from a bank. The Department of Human Services (DHS) sets up Oregon Trail accounts for eligible individuals and families that receive state assistance, and deposits benefits into the accounts each month that can be accessed using the card. Oregon Trail Cards are used mostly for food benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), but are also used for cash benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and other forms of assistance. Account holders' names are not currently stamped on Oregon Trail Cards.

House Bill 2392 requires DHS to put the names of all adults authorized to use an Oregon Trail EBT Card, on the face of the card.