

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/26/15

Action: Do Pass And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/19, 02/24, 02/26

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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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 legislature every odd-numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current amount of assistance set in 1990s and inadequate for housing and emergency needs
- Program currently only includes sexual assault victims with domestic violence factual basis
- Similarity of needs of victims, regardless of context
- Success of current program; value for dollars spent; lives saved

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 include victims and potential victims of sexual assault, regardless of whether there is a domestic violence factual basis, and increases payment limits for eligible recipients.