

Enrolled
House Bill 2219

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BARNHART, GREENLICK, HELM, LININGER, LIVELY, PILUSO, REARDON, WITT, Senators JOHNSON, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the consolidation of application processes for statewide social services; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “human services agencies” includes:

- (a) The Department of Human Services;
- (b) The Housing and Community Services Department;
- (c) The Oregon Health Authority;
- (d) The Department of Education;
- (e) The Employment Department;
- (f) The Office of Child Care; and
- (g) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall convene a work group with staff from human services agencies, the State Chief Information Officer and other individuals who the department deems necessary, to study how to create a consolidated application process for residents of this state to apply for and obtain assistance in accessing food, housing, medical care, education, employment services, child care and other social services.

(3) The work group shall develop and submit a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly. The recommendation must include proposals for ensuring that all human services agencies have necessary access to a client’s records while preserving confidentiality and ensuring that the information will be used only by authorized persons and only for the purpose of facilitating the client’s access to needed services.

(4) The department shall report the recommendation to the appropriate interim committee, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, not later than September 15, 2016.

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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