

BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Action Date: 02/25/16

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 11 - Bates, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Winters

House

Yeas: 12 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

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Agency: Department of Human Services

Biennium: 2015-17

Budget Summary*

	2015-17 Legislatively Adopted Budget	2016 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2015-17 Leg. Adopted	
			\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,624,636	\$ 1,624,636	100.0%
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ 65,348	\$ 65,348	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,689,984	\$ 1,689,984	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	3	3
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	1.50	1.50

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Revenue Summary

House Bill 4042 appropriates \$1,624,636 General Fund and provides \$65,348 Other Funds expenditure limitation; the Other Funds revenue is tied to the agency's cost allocation process. In future biennia, there will be Other Funds revenue from indirect federal cost recoveries.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

House Bill 4042 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a General Assistance (GA) project, beginning July 1, 2016, to serve a maximum of 200 people per month who are enrolled in the medical assistance program, who have disabilities that meet Presumptive Medicaid disability criteria, and who are experiencing homelessness. DHS is also directed to convene an advisory group that includes representatives from nonprofit agencies advocating for and providing services to low income individuals. The Department will work with the advisory group to compile a list of attorneys to help appeal adverse federal disability determinations and to develop metrics for evaluating program success.

The program would provide clients up to \$545 per month for housing, up to \$90 per month for utilities, and \$60 per month for personal incidental funds (PIF). These benefit amounts are based on recommendations from the 2014 Oregon General Assistance Study. Pursuit of Social Security benefits will be a condition of eligibility and clients will be required to sign an Interim Assistance Reimbursement agreement similar to the State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI program before benefits are issued. Housing payments, utility payments, and PIF expenditures would be recovered from clients' Supplemental Security Income (SSI) lump sum payments when and if benefits are awarded; DHS expects about 80% of project participants will be eligible.

Aging and People with Disabilities

The Subcommittee appropriated \$1,542,919 General Fund for two permanent positions (1.00 FTE) (a Human Services Specialist 1 and an Office Specialist 2) to assist clients in obtaining housing by working with local community action agencies and to assist clients with the Social Security Administration (SSA) application and appeals process. This funding also includes the funding necessary to provide the housing, utility, and PIF payments for the GA recipients.

DHS Shared Services

For the Office of Financial Services, the Subcommittee approved \$65,348 Other Funds expenditure limitation and one position (0.50 FTE) to provide resources necessary to implement the system through which payments will be processed and tracked in order to recover expenses from the federal government; a permanent Accounting Tech 3 will perform these duties.

State Assessments and Enterprise-Wide Costs

The Subcommittee appropriated \$81,717 General Fund to this program area for costs associated with the position approved for Shared Services/Office of Financial Services.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

HB 4042-A

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE	
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED				
SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS										
SCR 010-45 - DHS Shared Services										
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	58,515	1	0.50
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6,833		
SCR 010-50 - State Assessments and Enterprise-wide costs										
Personal Services	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	209	0	0.00
Services and Supplies	\$ 16,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	16,160		
Special Payments - 6085 Other Special Payments	\$ 65,348	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	65,348		
SCR 060-08 - Aging and People with Disabilities										
Personal Services	\$ 103,846	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	103,846	2	1.00
Services and Supplies	\$ 49,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	49,073		
Special Payments - 6085 Other Special Payments	\$ 1,390,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,390,000		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 1,624,636	\$ -	\$ 65,348	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,689,984	3	1.50