

HB 2959 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Meeting Dates: 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services to administer general assistance project. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's General Assistance project (GA project) was reinstated with the passage of House Bill 4042 during the 2016 Legislative Session. The GA project provides housing assistance, utility assistance, and cash assistance to 200 individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their housing, receiving Presumptive Medicaid benefits and has a disability qualifying them for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. The assistance given through the GA project may be recovered when the individual receives SSI or SSDI benefits.

House Bill 2959 appropriates moneys, in addition to and not in lieu of other appropriation, from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to administer the general assistance project.