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Colleagues, House Bill 3405 comes to you from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing. This bill requires Department of Human Services to submit a waiver request to the federal government regarding exclusion of advance monthly payments of Oregon's dependent care tax credit when determining SNAP eligibility.

As of February 2017, DHS reports over 680,000 Oregonians are currently participating in the SNAP Program. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal nutrition assistance program providing monthly benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families. These monthly benefits are used to purchase food items for the low-income individual or family. Oregon's SNAP Program is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and benefits are distributed through Oregon's Electronic Benefit Transfer system. The benefit is credited onto the individual or family's Oregon Trail Card for purchasing food items.

Individuals or households qualify for Oregon's dependent care tax credit if they also qualify for the federal child and dependent care tax credit. The tax credit received is based on the percentage of eligible expenses as determined by their federal taxable income.

House Bill 3405 requires DHS to submit a waiver request to the federal government regarding SNAP requirements. The waiver would request exclusion of advance monthly payment of Oregon's dependent care tax credit when determining eligibility for SNAP. DHS would be required to report annually to the Legislature regarding the status of the waiver request until decision from the federal government is received.

