

Corrected**HB 2347 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Rep. Piluso**House Committee On Human Services and Housing****Action Date:** 03/21/17**Action:** Do Pass.**Vote:** 9-0-0-0**Yeas:** 9 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Cassandra Soucy, LPRO Analyst**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends authority of the Department of Human Services to offer resources to individuals eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) including the Job Opportunity and Basic Skills Program until July 1, 2019. Extends the suspension of increase in cash assistance paid to families enrolled in State Family Pre-Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance programs until July 1, 2019. Extends the suspension of the duration that a family receiving TANF may continue to receive assistance upon becoming ineligible due to employment or increased hours of work until July 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Services provided by TANF
- Qualifications for receipt of TANF support

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides cash assistance to low-income families. Cash assistance is used to meet a family's basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter and utilities. Over 60,000 Oregonians are participating in the TANF program. To qualify for TANF, families must be at or below 37 percent of the federal poverty level and have few assets. Most people who receive TANF are required to participate in the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program (JOBS). The JOBS program provides a variety of activities including education, health services, life skills, and job training.

House Bill 2347 extends the authority of the Department of Human Services to offer resources to individuals eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) including the Job Opportunity and Basic Skills Program until July 1, 2019. The measure extends the suspension of the increase in cash assistance paid to families enrolled in State Family Pre-Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance program until July 1, 2019. Additionally, the measure extends the suspension of the duration that a family receiving temporary assistance to needy families may continue to receive assistance upon becoming ineligible due to employment or increased hours of work until July 1, 2019.