

HB 3364 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/14/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases emergency assistance eligibility and payment limits for victims of domestic violence and persons at risk of victimization of domestic violence. Permits payment of \$3,000 for consecutive six-month period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Victims of domestic violence living in poverty
- Ability to find safe and affordable housing before grant expires
- Access to state programs while engaged with Department of Human Services
- Payments made directly to vendors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Reduces applicable period of time for payment from 12 to six consecutive months.

BACKGROUND:

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is a federal program that provides grant funds to states to provide families with financial assistance and related support services. In Oregon, the program is administered by the Department of Human Services. Under current state law, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to establish emergency assistance eligibility and payment limits, available to victims of domestic violence, at 1997 levels. House Bill 3364-A requires DHS to maintain limits of at least \$3,000 for a consecutive six-month period.