

HB 3405 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/15/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to request waiver from U.S. Department of Agriculture of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requirements to exclude advance monthly payment of state dependent care tax credit from eligibility determination. Requires DHS report annually regarding request status until waiver decision is received. Sunsets January 1, 2023. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Impact of dependant care tax credit on federal SNAP eligibility for low-income individuals

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal food assistance program offered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that provides monthly benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families. In Oregon, SNAP is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS reports over 680,000 Oregonians are currently participating in SNAP as of February 2017. Low-income Oregonians who are working or looking for work may also qualify for the state's Working Family Household and Dependent Care Credit, which helps offset expenses related to the care of dependent children or adults; however, this dependent-care tax credit may adversely affect a family's eligibility to receive SNAP benefits.

House Bill 3405 requires DHS to request that the USDA waive certain SNAP requirements to exclude receipt of Oregon's dependent care tax credit from eligibility determinations. DHS is required to report to the legislature annually regarding the status of request until a decision from the USDA is received.