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Relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program; and declaring an emergency.

SECTION 1. (1) If policy changes made by the Department of Human Services in the temporary assistance for needy families program, an improvement in the economy of this state or other factors result in savings in the program, the department shall use the savings to:

(a) Increase the amount of the cash grants provided through the program up to an amount equal to the value of the grants in 1996, adjusted to reflect increases in U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor; or

(b) Make additional investments in the job opportunity and basic skills program described in ORS 412.006.

(2) The savings under subsection (1) of this section is the amount by which the caseload costs projected for a biennium in the department's legislatively adopted budget exceed the actual caseload costs for the biennium.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2018 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 3. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.