

**HB 2302 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 1/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates money from general fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer General Assistance Project. Takes effect 91st day following sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The General Assistance Project (GA program) was established in Oregon via House Bill 4042 (2016), codified at ORS 411.752. It is designed to help individuals with severe disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. It is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) Collaborative Disability Determination Unit (CDDU). Benefits include housing, utility, and cash assistance, and assistance with the Social Security application and appeals processes, including legal assistance.