

HB 3000 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to deduct medically necessary guardianship service expenses from protected person's income when calculating eligibility for assistance provided by the Oregon Supplemental Income Program. Describes expenses counted as medically necessary guardianship service expenses. Requires notice of motion to approve expenses for medically necessary guardianship services to be provided a representative of DHS. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

No revenue impact

Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of courts in assigning guardians, and role of guardians
- Use of person's income to pay for guardian services
- Monitoring of guardians to ensure accountability in terms of using client's funds and caseload
- Training required to be a guardian

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Supplemental Income Program (OSIP) provides low income aged and disabled Oregonians with cash and medical benefits through a state and federally funded program that offers financial, acute and long-term care. Eligibility for OSIP is determined using various income means tests and resource requirements.

House Bill 3000 directs the Department of Human Services to deduct medically necessary guardianship service expenses from protected person's income when calculating eligibility for assistance provided by the Oregon Supplemental Income Program

Subsequent referral to Joint Ways and Means