

HB 2032 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules specifying qualifications for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Eliminates certain qualification requirements. Directs DHS to provide aid to a family when the family becomes ineligible for TANF because of increased work hours, for 12 consecutive months or until the household income exceeds 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, whichever occurs first. Adds hearing rights. Creates operative date of 2021 for section 3. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Replaces the bill. Creates the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Housing Pilot Program within Housing and Community Services Department. Directs Oregon Health Authority to administer Mental Health and Behavioral Health Pilot Program. Creates Education and Training Pilot Program within Department of Human Services.

BACKGROUND:

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides cash assistance to low-income families with children while they strive to become self-sufficient. Cash assistance is intended to help meet a family's basic needs for items such as food, clothing, shelter, and utilities.