

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2302

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Date: 3/11/2019**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services to administer general assistance project.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	159,013	212,018
Services and Supplies	39,126	47,918
Special Payments	1,670,170	1,670,170
Total General Fund	\$1,868,309	\$1,930,106
Other Funds		
Special Payments	1,212,219	1,212,219
Total Other Funds	\$1,212,219	\$1,212,219
Federal Funds		
Personal Services	106,011	141,346
Services and Supplies	25,680	31,404
Total Federal Funds	\$131,691	\$172,750
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,212,219	\$3,315,075
Positions	2	2

Analysis:

HB 2302 appropriates \$2,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the General Assistance Program. The General Assistance Program serves individuals who are enrolled in the medical assistance program, who have disabilities that meet Presumptive Medicaid disability criteria, and who are experiencing homelessness. The program is intended to provide clients up to \$545 per month for housing, up to \$90 per month for utilities, and \$60 per month for personal incidental funds (PIF). Pursuit of Social Security benefits are a condition of eligibility and clients are required to sign an Interim Assistance Reimbursement agreement similar to the State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI program before benefits are issued. Housing payments, utility payments, and PIF expenditures would be recovered from clients' Supplemental Security Income (SSI) lump sum payments when and if benefits are awarded.

DHS projects the cost of expanding the General Assistance Program to serve approximately 134 additional clients to be \$3,212,219 Total Funds [\$1,868,309 General Fund + \$1,212,219 Other Funds + \$131,691 Federal Funds], 2 positions (1.50 FTE) for the 18 months of the 2019-21 biennium; and \$3,315,075 Total Funds [\$1,930,106 General

Fund + \$1,212,219 Other Funds + \$172,750 Federal Funds], 2 positions (2.00 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. The amounts include the costs of two Program Analyst 2 positions to perform statewide community outreach and program advocacy, including providing program-related training for external referral sources throughout Oregon and direct outreach to the target population. The \$1,212,219 Special Payments Other Funds represents a projection of recoverable funds. DHS projections assume that 80% of clients will be approved to receive the federal benefit; and of those who qualify, DHS projections assume a recovery of 85% of client disbursements.

Note that the 2019-21 DHS Governor's Budget contains \$3,971,151 Total Funds [\$1,165,418 General Fund + \$1,869,511 Other Funds] for the General Assistance Program, currently serving approximate 140 clients.