

HB 3183 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provisions. Adds requirement that Department of Human Services (DHS) administer the TANF program consistent with federal law. Allows DHS to provide services for up to 12 months to a family that becomes ineligible for the TANF program. Repeals certain sections of Oregon law and statute. Allows changes to operative date of certain sections of the measure. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- TANF work group discussions
- Situation of parents and families who live in poverty
- TANF as a principle safety net for Oregon children living in poverty

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program provides cash assistance to low-income families with children while they strive to become self-sufficient. Cash assistance is intended to meet a family's basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and utilities. Most cash benefits in Oregon are issued via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. This is also known as an Oregon Trail Card.