House Bill 2245

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires Department of Human Services to use savings achieved in temporary assistance for needy families program to increase amount of cash grants paid to families enrolled in program or to make additional investments in JOBS program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to temporary assistance for needy families program; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, "savings" means the amount by which the caseload costs projected for a biennium in the legislatively adopted budget of the Department of Human Services exceed the actual caseload costs for the biennium.
- (2) If the department achieves savings in the temporary assistance for needy families program due to policy changes, the improvement of the economy of this state or other factors, the department shall use the savings to:
- (a) Increase the amounts of the cash grants paid to families enrolled in the program to equal the cash grants in 1996, adjusted to reflect the increase in the cost of living since 1996 based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor; or
- (b) Make additional investments in the job opportunity and basic skills program described in ORS 412.006.
- SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

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