A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to Oregon Project Independence; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The division of the Department of Human Services that administers Oregon Project Independence, under ORS 410.410 to 410.480, shall collaborate with area agencies, as defined in ORS 410.040, to study the feasibility of expanding Oregon Project Independence statewide. The study must include projected case numbers, a projected timeline for expansion and an evaluation and findings on the needs of the division for:

(a) Training;
(b) Additional case management staff;
(c) Additional home care workers and home care agency resources to meet the projected demands for the program services;
(d) Nonstaff resources; and
(e) Funding to ensure that services are provided equitably.

(2) No later than September 15, 2020, the department shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the results of the evaluation, findings and recommendations, if any, from the study described in subsection (1) of this section.

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.