Senate Bill 619

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of former Representative Tiffiny Mitchell) (Presession filed.)

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.**

Directs Department of Revenue to establish program to pay reparations to Black Oregonians who can demonstrate heritage in slavery and who submit application no later than December 31, 2022.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to reparations for slavery.

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

4   SECTION 1. **(1) The Department of Revenue shall establish a program to pay reparations**

5 **to Black Oregonians who can demonstrate heritage in slavery and who submit an application**

6 **to the department no later than December 31, 2022.**

7   **(2) A person is eligible for reparations under this section if the person demonstrates that**

8 **the person:**

9   **(a) Is descended from an American slave;**

10   **(b) Has identified as African-American on legal documents for at least 10 years before**

11 **the date of the application;**

12   **(c) Is at least 18 years of age, an emancipated minor or a ward, as defined in ORS**

13 **419A.004, whose parents are deceased or for whom parental rights have been terminated and**

14 **have not been reinstated; and**

15   **(d) Has resided in Oregon for at least two years before the date of the application.**

16   **(3) The department shall pay to each eligible applicant the amount of $123,000 in the form**

17 **of an annuity payable annually for the life of the applicant.**

18   **(4) Reparations paid under this section and the right of a person to an annuity under this**

19 **section are exempt from garnishment and all state, county and municipal taxation, except**

20 **as provided under ORS chapter 118, are not subject to execution, garnishment, attachment**

21 **or any other process or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law and are unas-**

22 **signable.**

23   **(5) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.**

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