

**SB 609 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Campos

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/02/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Hansell, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

**Exc:** 1 - Girod

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 12 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Evans, Gomberg, Holvey, Lewis, McLain, Pham K, Reschke, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

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**Department of Human Services**

**2023-25**

**Budget Summary\***

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,600	\$ 105,600	100.0%
Federal Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,400	\$ 158,400	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000	100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2023

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

Senate Bill 609 appropriates \$105,600 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$158,400 to contract for changes to the ONE eligibility system and applicant portal so graduate assistant work hours may be considered for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility.

**Summary of Education Subcommittee Action**

Currently, students attending a college, university, or trade school more than half time and working as a graduate assistant are not eligible for SNAP. Senate Bill 609 requires DHS to consider hours worked as a graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for the purpose of meeting requirements for SNAP eligibility. The bill defines graduate assistant, for purposes of SNAP eligibility, as an individual who is paid to work in teaching, administration, or research while completing academic requirements for an advanced degree at a higher education institution.

In order to implement the changes required by the bill, DHS will need to make changes to the ONE eligibility system. For eligibility purposes, the system will need to collect and store information on whether an individual is a graduate assistant. This will also require changes in the applicant portal. DHS will need additional funding to cover contractor costs for the IT system changes. Based on an estimate of contract hours to perform the changes, the Subcommittee recommended a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$105,600 for the Oregon Eligibility Partnership Services and Supplies budget and an increase of \$158,400 Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

Department of Human Services  
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
<b>SCR 060-12 - Oregon Eligibility Partnership</b>									
Services and Supplies	\$ 105,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,400	\$ -	264,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 105,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,400	\$ -	264,000	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 105,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,400	\$ -	264,000		