

# House Bill 2738

Sponsored by Representative VALDERRAMA (at the request of Daniel Hauser) (Pre-session 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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of establishing guaranteed income program in this state. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2024.

Sunset January 2, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to antipoverty programs.

3       Whereas before the pandemic, more than two in five Oregonians lacked the resources needed  
4 to meet their basic needs; and

5       Whereas for many Oregonians, making ends meet has only gotten harder in recent years; and

6       Whereas a Guaranteed Income (GI) program, targeted to those who need it most, would establish  
7 a floor beneath which no one could fall; and

8       Whereas currently there are more than 100 GI pilot projects across the country; and

9       Whereas studies have found that well-crafted GI programs improve economic security, can boost  
10 employment and have a long list of positive health outcomes for participants and their families; and

11       Whereas states have started to investigate what it would take to move beyond pilots and es-  
12 tablish state-level policies; and

13       Whereas, while there are some pilot projects underway, in Oregon there has yet to be an effort  
14 to more fully understand what a state-level policy would look like and the impacts it would have  
15 on Oregonians struggling to get by; now, therefore,

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

17       **SECTION 1.** (1) **As used in this section, "guaranteed income program" means a program**  
18 **that provides an unrestricted and unconditional cash payment to individuals who are mem-**  
19 **bers of a targeted population to meet basic needs and provide financial stability.**

20       (2) **The Department of Human Services shall study the feasibility of establishing a guar-**  
21 **anteed income program in this state that would ensure that households have income suffi-**  
22 **cient to meet their basic needs for food, rent, clothing, utilities and transportation.**

23       (3) **The department shall study the results of pilot programs in other states that operate**  
24 **on the premise of a guaranteed income program and make recommendations for the imple-**  
25 **mentation of a guaranteed income program in this state. The department may convene an**  
26 **advisory committee consisting of individuals with expertise in antipoverty programs. The**  
27 **department may contract with a third party to facilitate the study or to gather data and**  
28 **make initial findings.**

29       (4) **The department shall submit a report of its findings and conclusions in the manner**  
30 **provided by ORS 192.245, including recommendations for legislation, to the interim commit-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than September 15, 2024.**

2 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
3 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of**  
4 **the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended on conducting the study**  
5 **under section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

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