

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 3440**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to provide aid necessary to prevent family from qualifying for temporary assistance for needy families program due to temporary loss in earnings.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 3440 expands eligibility and services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The bill requires the Department of Human Services to provide aid to families that would qualify for TANF but for the family's income from employment under certain circumstance including (1) if the family is experiencing a temporary loss of income due to illness or injury; (2) if the family is likely to become eligible for TANF if the aid is not provided; and (3) to prevent homelessness and assist a caretaker relative in returning to gainful regular employment. The bill stipulates that total aid paid to a family during a single period of eligibility during calendar year 2013 may not exceed \$1,000. The bill requires DHS to immediately conduct an assessment to determine a family's eligibility for TANF if the caretaker is unable to return to work upon receiving the aid required by this bill.

DHS reports that to comply with the provisions of this bill, the agency would need to provide to this newly eligible population: (1) a pre-TANF program to families that are job ready; (2) retention services for employed TANF families; and (3) a modified Post-TANF program to ease families off the TANF caseload. Based on current caseload information, DHS projects the expenditure impact of expanding three programs to be \$34,259,321 Total Funds [\$27,721,403 General Funds; \$655,897 Other Funds; \$5,882,021 Federal Funds], and 75.68 FTEs for the 21 months of the 2013-15 biennium. For the 24 months of the 2015-17 biennium, DHS projects the expenditure impact to be \$38,193,452 Total Funds [\$31,249,289 General Funds; \$696,782 Other Funds; \$6,247,380 Federal Funds], and 86.00 FTEs.