

HB 4157: Cost of Living Support Payments February 17th, 2022

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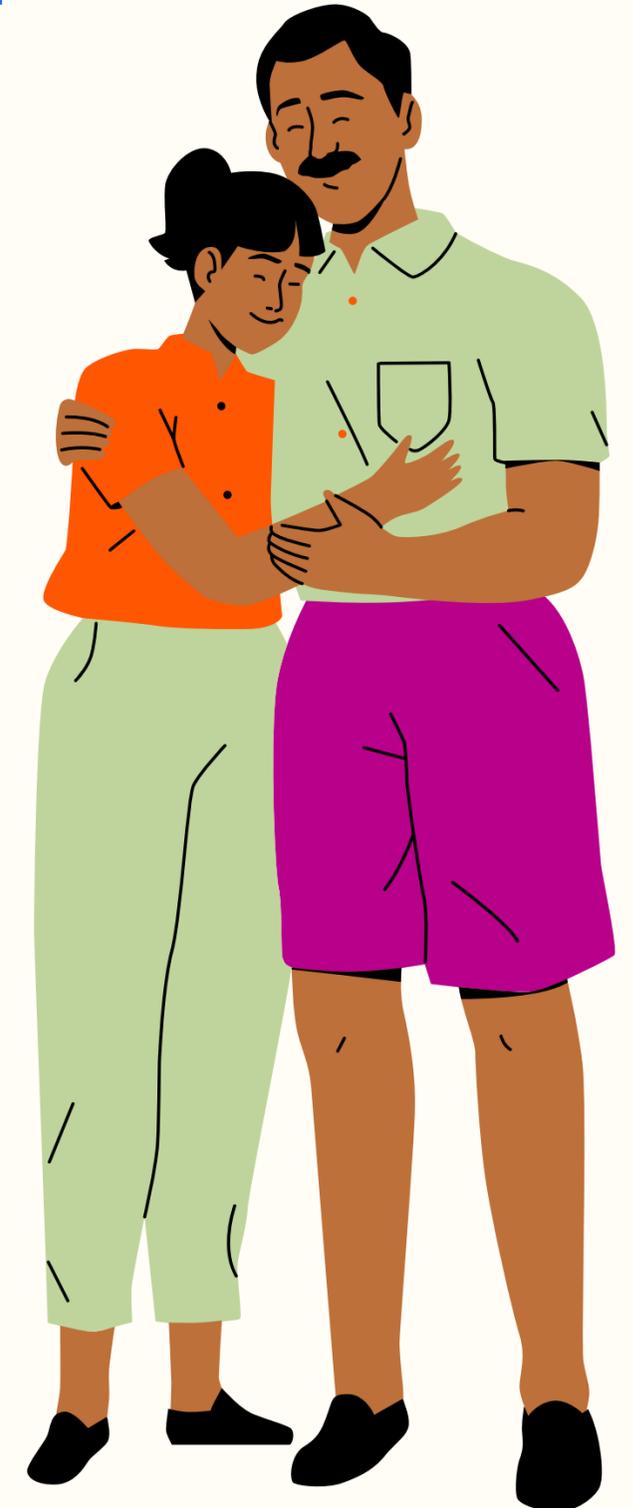
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The Problem

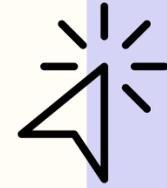


Throughout the pandemic, the cost of living has skyrocketed for Oregonians throughout the state.

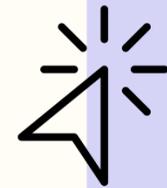
Costs for childcare, rent, and groceries continue to increase and are unaffordable for many communities.

While wages have grown, low-income individuals and working families are not experiencing the full benefits due to cost of living increases.

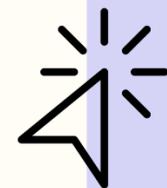
Policy Goals



Address the rising costs of living for low-wage workers in urban and rural areas.



Support Oregon's economic recovery and lift up communities across the state by providing one time payments of \$600 to eligible workers.



Coordinate with Department of Revenue (DOR) to efficiently and effectively provide one time support payments to eligible individuals by July 2022.

Eligibility Criteria



📢 Individuals are eligible for payments if they are Oregon residents who:

📢 Received the Earned Income Tax Credit for tax year 2020; filed their return by December 31, 2021; or

📢 Filed their amended 2020 return by April 15, 2022. Eligible recipients must have been Oregon residents for at least half of calendar year 2020.

Payment Distribution + Administration



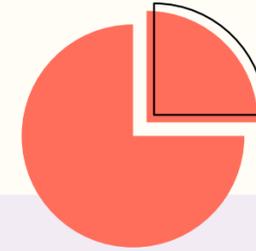
Efficient and Cost-Effective Administrative Process

DOR will make payments to eligible Oregonians by July 31, 2022, using direct deposit information available to the department or by check.



Supporting Eligible Individuals

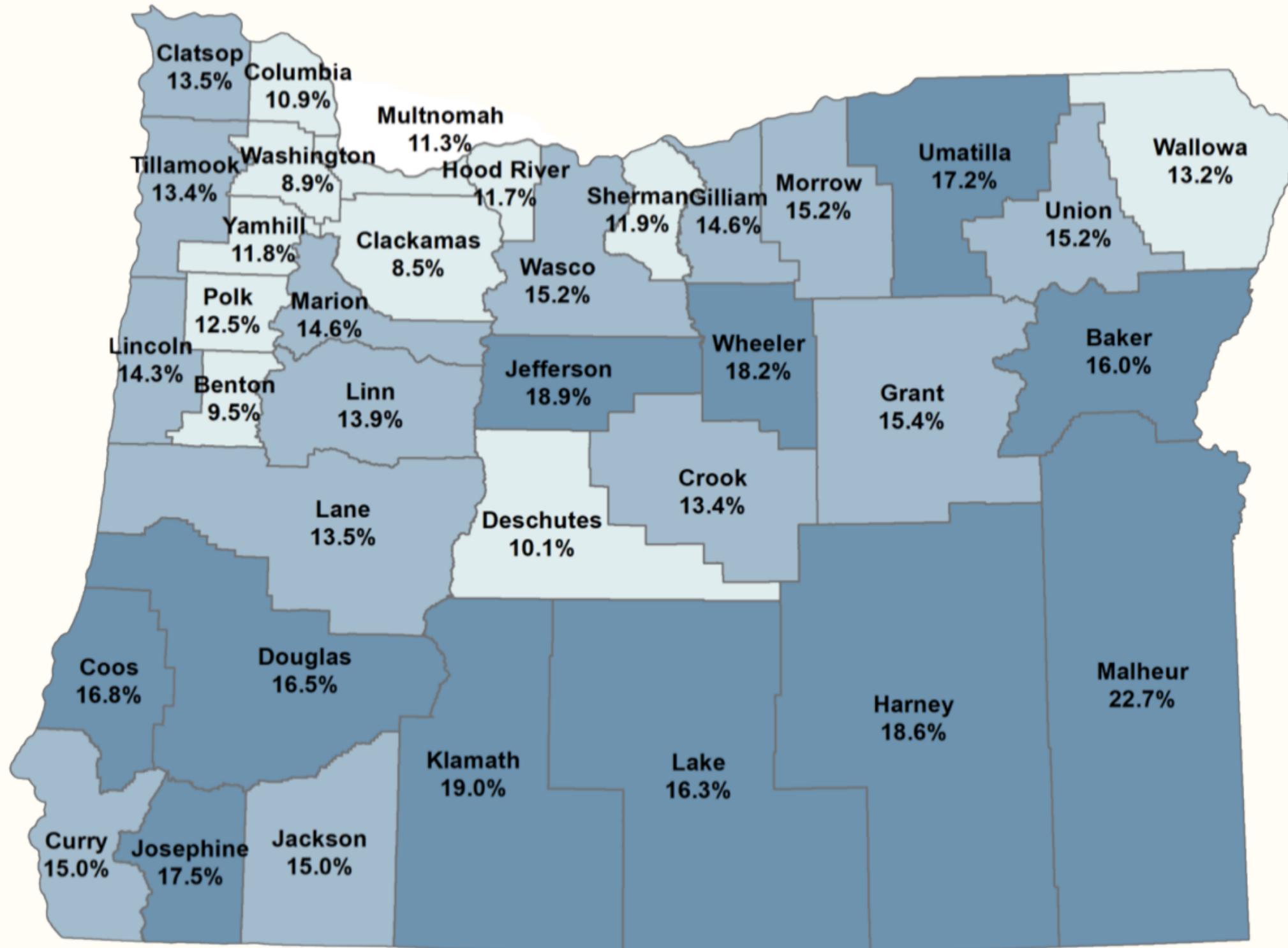
The payments are not subject to taxation, garnishment, or offset for outstanding debts collected by the Department of Revenue.



Helpful Communications

The department will issue news releases and other supportive communications to Oregonians regarding eligibility and timeframe for receiving payments.

*Percent of Tax Returns Claiming the Oregon Earned Income Tax Credit by County



Statewide Average: 12.2%



8.5% - 13.2%



13.4% - 15.4%



16% - 22.7%

**Based on mailing address at the time return was filed*

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Our Community Supporters



Thank you! Please join me in *supporting* HB 4157 for Oregonian low income and working families and individuals!

