

House Bill 2734

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 operate statewide guaranteed income pilot project, study results of project and report findings with possible legislation to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services.

Sunset January 2, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to antipoverty programs.

3 Whereas before the pandemic, more than 2 in 5 Oregonians lacked the resources needed to meet
4 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; now,
11 therefore,

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

13 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "guaranteed income" means a program that**
14 **provides an unrestricted and unconditional cash payment to individuals who are members**
15 **of a targeted population to meet basic needs and provide financial stability.**

16 **(2) The Department of Human Services shall operate a statewide guaranteed income pilot**
17 **project modeled on successful guaranteed income pilot projects in other states, including**
18 **California, Illinois and New York. The pilot project must be crafted so that participants do**
19 **not lose other forms of assistance such as housing assistance, child care and Supplemental**
20 **Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.**

21 **(3) The department shall collect and study data from the pilot project on the success of**
22 **the project in:**

23 **(a) Reducing poverty rates for individuals participating in the study and improving social**
24 **and health outcomes for participants; and**

25 **(b) Ensuring that participants are not adversely affected by participating in the pilot**
26 **project by preserving their access to other forms of assistance.**

27 **(4) The department shall compile its findings into a report in the manner provided in ORS**
28 **192.245 and submit the report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the**
29 **interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than**
30 **September 15, 2024.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

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