

**A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 92**

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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.

Requires Department of Human Services to [*study potential strategies to ensure that*] **establish liaison position to facilitate participation** of recipients of public benefits [*who are eligible to serve*] on boards, [*or*] commissions [*can*] **and other groups that advise department and advise Oregon Health Authority on policy matters to ensure ability of participants to** be compensated for their service without losing eligibility for benefits. [*Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2024.*]

[*Sunsets January 2, 2025.*]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public benefits.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall establish a liaison position**
5 **within the department to facilitate the participation of individuals who are appointed to**
6 **boards, commissions or other groups established by statute or convened by the department**
7 **or the Oregon Health Authority to advise the agencies on policy matters, by:**

8 (a) **Making or assisting in making transportation arrangements for attending meetings;**

9 (b) **Providing assistance in accessing technology to enable the individual to participate**
10 **virtually in meetings, including access to devices and to the Internet;**

11 (c) **Arranging for interpreters at meetings;**

12 (d) **Providing scheduling assistance, such as assistance with responding to electronic**
13 **meeting invitations; or**

14 (e) **Providing gift cards as an option for compensation, if the gift card is specific to an**
15 **establishment, not redeemable for cash, issued for a specific sum and will not affect the**
16 **participant's receipt of public benefits, such as gift cards for:**

17 (A) **Groceries;**

18 (B) **Gasoline or fuel;**

19 (C) **Restaurants; or**

20 (D) **Transportation, such as ride shares or public transportation.**

21 (2) **The liaison shall research additional means of facilitating participation of individuals**
22 **on boards, commissions and advisory groups, in addition to those specified in subsection (1)**
23 **of this section, in order to offer choices tailored to each individual's needs.**

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.

