

HB 3347 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the monthly limit on child support disbursements for individuals receiving public assistance and requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to distribute all assigned child support to the assignee. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to disregard child and spousal support payments when determining eligibility and benefit amounts for public assistance programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon Revised Statutes 25.020 and ORS 412.007, the amount of child support that can be passed through to families receiving public assistance limits disbursements to \$50 per child and up to \$200 per family. House Bill 3347 removes these limits requiring DOJ to disperse all collected child support payments assigned to families receiving public assistance. HB 3347 also requires DHS to disregard child and spousal support payments from income calculations when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.