

HB 3347 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure removes the monthly limit on child support disbursements for individuals receiving public assistance with respect to, or on behalf of, a dependent child or children and requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to distribute all assigned child support to the assignor. The measure also directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to disregard child and spousal support payments when determining eligibility and benefit amounts for public assistance programs with respect to, or on behalf of, a dependent child or children.

Fiscal: Impact issued

Revenue: Minimal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reduction of revenue for the Department of Justice
- Implications for eligibility in other government assistance services
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment creates an operative date of January 1, 2027, for sections 1 and 2 of the measure.

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 with respect to, or on behalf of, a dependent child or children 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. HB 3347 also requires DHS to disregard child and spousal support payments from income calculations when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.