

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/05, 05/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Department of Human Services to convene work group to examine consolidating applications for services. Requires report to legislature by September 15, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Numerous, duplicative applications and intake processes across entities
- Identical base information on every application, with variations in eligibility criteria
- Paperwork itself as barrier
- Cumulative administrative and processing costs
- Amount of time to complete applications; amount of time to review applications
- Analogous to “preemptive eligibility”
- Navigating confidentiality issues
- Appropriateness/logic of adding Oregon Department of Transportation to work group

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Individuals seeking assistance from the Department of Human Services (DHS) are typically eligible for more than one program, and may be required to complete multiple applications to obtain services from these programs. House Bill 2219-A requires DHS to convene a work group to look at ways to reduce duplicative paperwork and administrative costs and report to the legislature.