

House Bill 2219

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BARNHART, GREENLICK, HELM, LININGER, LIVELY, REARDON, WITT (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 convene work group to study consolidation of application processes for human and social services and to report recommendation to Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the consolidation of application processes for statewide social services; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "human services agencies" includes:

- (a) The Department of Human Services;**
- (b) The Housing and Community Services Department;**
- (c) The Oregon Health Authority;**
- (d) The Department of Education;**
- (e) The Employment Department;**
- (f) The Office of Child Care; and**
- (g) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission.**

(2) The Department of Human Services shall convene a work group with staff from human services agencies, and other individuals who the department deems necessary, to study how to create a consolidated application process for residents of this state to apply for and obtain assistance in accessing food, housing, medical care, education, employment services, child care and other social services.

(3) The work group shall develop and submit a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly. The recommendation must include proposals for ensuring that all human services agencies have necessary access to a client's records while preserving confidentiality and ensuring that the information will be used only by authorized persons and only for the purpose of facilitating the client's access to needed services.

(4) The department shall report the recommendation to the appropriate interim committee, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, not later than September 15, 2016.

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.