A-Engrossed House Bill 2392

Ordered by the House April 6 Including House Amendments dated April 6

Sponsored by Representatives OLSON, WHITSETT; Representatives BUCKLEY, ESQUIVEL, GOMBERG, KRIEGER, Senators BOQUIST, DEMBROW, KRUSE, ROBLAN (Presession 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.

Requires Department of Human Services to issue specified types of public assistance through electronic benefits transfer card. Provides exceptions. Requires card [to display names of all adults authorized to make transactions.] that is issued to replace lost or stolen card to display name of individual to whom card is issued.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the statewide electronic benefits transfer system for public aid; amending ORS 412.151.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 412.151 is amended to read:

412.151. (1) The Department of Human Services shall [provide direct deposit services for any person receiving temporary assistance for needy families who has an appropriate account at a qualified financial institution.]

[(2) The department shall negotiate with electronic transfer processors to establish a system for providing] provide temporary assistance for needy families and supplemental nutrition assistance to eligible individuals through an electronic benefits transfer system that uses an electronic benefits transfer card. Any time the department issues an electronic benefits transfer card to replace a card that was reported lost or stolen, the replacement card must display the name of the individual to whom the card is issued.

[(3)] (2) The department shall seek all state and federal approvals necessary for implementation of an electronic benefits transfer system as described in subsection [(2)] (1) of this section. [The department shall establish a statewide electronic benefits transfer system within six months of receiving all necessary approvals.]

(3) This section does not apply to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits issued to a senior citizen under a demonstration project approved by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or to benefits received by a recipient of federal Supplemental Security Income in the form of a check in lieu of an electronic benefits transfer card.

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