

HUMAN SERVICES



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Human Services policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Human Services policy sub-topics:

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Assistance Programs

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| HB 4013 | ✓ | Targets assistance for homeless youth by: creating a temporary pilot program to assist school districts with prevention; expanding access to tuition and fee waivers to include homeless students; expanding access to independent residence facilities to include homeless youth; and funding two-year grants for organizations that provide services for unaccompanied homeless youth. |
| HB 4088 A | ✗ | Would have directed the Department of Human Services to convene a work group to advise on implementation of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Restaurant Meals Program. |
| HB 4117 | ✓ | Establishes a grant program to fund culturally specific and responsive community-based organizations, tribal governments, and tribal communities that assist low-income individuals with tax preparation support. |
| HB 4122 A | ✗ | Would have directed the Department of Human Services to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide one-time financial assistance of \$695 per individual for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status renewal costs. |
| HB 4157 | ✓ | Directs the Oregon Department of Revenue to provide one-time assistance payments to low-income households with members who received the Earned Income Tax Credit for the 2020 tax year and worked during the first year of the COVID-19 public health emergency. |

Background Checks and Certification Processes

- SB 1547 ✓ Requires preschool recorded program and school-age recorded program personnel to enroll in the Central Background Registry.
- SB 1556 ✓ Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a certification process for direct care providers of home or community-based services and to develop and maintain an online registry.

Other Legislation

- SB 1548 ✓ Requires the Department of Human Services to allow individuals receiving in-home services and supports to receive “agency with choice” services and to perform employment-related functions with respect to direct support professionals employed by the client.
- SB 1550 ✓ Relocates the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement from the Governor’s office to the Department of Human Services.
- SB 1591 ✗ Would have increased the maximum number of children that could be cared for in a certified family child care home from 16 to 20 until July 1, 2024.
- HB 4111 ✗ Would have required the University of Oregon to study child abuse statewide and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2023.
- HB 4150 ✓ Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene stakeholders and experts to study and make recommendations on the use of statewide community information exchanges to coordinate health care and social services across delivery systems.