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House Passes Public Benefits Oversight And Accountability Measures
Bipartisan Bills Seeking To Remove Abuse And Overpayments Receive Unanimous Support

Salem, OR – The Oregon House today unanimously passed two bipartisan measures aimed at increasing transparency, accountability and oversight of Oregon's public benefits programs. Chief sponsored by Representative Andy Olson (R-Albany), HB 2392-A and HB 2393-B represent commonsense approaches toward combatting waste, fraud and abuse within Oregon's public benefit programs while ensuring that vulnerable Oregonians continue to receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

"We've seen far too many instances here in Oregon of individuals taking advantage of programs designed to help those most in need," said Rep. Olson. "By taking these necessary steps to restore accountability and remove abuse and fraud within our state's public benefits programs, we are ensuring that this assistance is being utilized in a legal and ethical manner and going to Oregonians who need it the most."

Currently, Oregonians who qualify for public assistance through state programs receive benefits through an electronic benefits transfer card. HB 2392-A requires that the Department of Human Services display the name of the individual authorized on any replacement benefits card if a card is lost or stolen. The second measure, HB 2393-B, requires the Oregon State Lottery Commission to withhold payment of lottery prizes in excess of \$600 from individuals with warrants issued due to overpayment of public benefits.

Both HB 2392-A and HB 2393-B passed the House 54-0. In addition to Rep. Olson, [HB 2392-A](#) and [HB 2393-B](#) were chief sponsored by Representative Gail Whitsett and counted a large group of bipartisan lawmakers in both the House and the Senate among their sponsors. They now move to the Senate for further consideration.

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