

PUBLIC WELFARE

See also EDUCATION

Blind, aid, eligibility and need A/SP c.40

Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to disregard amounts of income and resources of applicant or recipient within limits permitted or required by federal laws and rules. Amends ORS 412.025. Eff. 4 Mar 65. (H 1121)

aid, examination A c.94

Authorizes examination by Oregon licensed optometrist or by an ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in another state or territory having qualifications substantially similar to those of Oregon. Amends ORS 412.005. Eff. 16 Mar 65. (H 1281)

aid, minimum A c.468

Increases minimum aid to blind from \$85 to \$98 per month. Appropriates \$128,044 to State Public Welfare Commission for such aid. Amends ORS 412.055. Eff. 1 Jul 65. (H 1330)

aid, students A c.469

Increases annual grants-in-aid to blind students to \$1,250 for undergraduate and to \$1,500 for graduate student; limits use to supplying readers' services. Increases eligibility period to period required for degree. Includes community college students as eligible to receive grants. Appropriates \$7,245 and increases limitation of Commission for Blind by \$15,750 to carry out Act. Amends ORS 346.060. Eff. 1 Jul 65. (H 1331)

Commission for the, members A c.522

Removes from membership on Commission for the Blind members of State Board of Education who were erroneously added by c. 100, OL 65. Amends ORS 346.130. Eff. 22 May 65. (S 419)

Blind, refusal of permit for vending stands in public buildings A/SP c.471

Requires head of department or agency, charged with maintenance of public building, to give written explanation for refusing to permit establishment of vending stand under auspices of Commission for the Blind on premises if any stand is established. Requires written explanation for refusing offer from commission when vending stand license or permit is issued or renewed. Amends ORS 346.530, 346.540. (H 1483)

Dependent children, aid, eligibility A c.538

Deletes provision requiring State Public Welfare Commission to consider parents' unemployment compensation as family resource. Eff. 25 May 65. (H 1534)

aid, eligibility and need A/SP c.41

Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to disregard amounts of income and resources of applicant or recipient within limits permitted or required by federal laws and rules. Amends ORS 418.045. Eff. 4 Mar 65. (H 1122)

Disabled, aid, eligibility and need A/SP c.42

Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to disregard amounts of income and resources of applicant or recipient within limits permitted or required by federal laws and rules. Amends ORS 412.530. Eff. 4 Mar 65. (H 1123)

aid, examination A c.93

Authorizes examination of applicant by physician licensed in another state or territory who has qualifications substantially similar to those required by Oregon. Amends ORS 412.540. Eff. 16 Mar 65. (H 1280)

Juveniles, commitment to county institution A c.567

Authorizes care and custody of children to be committed by juvenile court to county in lieu of MacLaren or Hillcrest. Provides reimbursement to county equal to 25% of costs per child. Limits program to Douglas County, and appropriates \$20,000 to Board of Control for reimbursement and

Juveniles, commitment to county institution (cont.)

other costs, during 1965-67 biennium. Amends ORS 418.020, 418.025. Eff. 1 Jul 65. (S 152)

Liquor revenues, use for welfare A c.141

Permits governing body of county to use revenues from liquor privilege tax to meet county's 30 percent share of state-county public welfare program cost. Amends ORS 473.210. Eff. 2 Apr 65. (H 1229)

Medical care A c.556

Transfers medical care and services from existing public assistance programs to combined medical assistance program for needy persons. Specifies sections effective 1 Jul 65, 1 Jan 66, and 1 Jul 66, but not operative until federal funds are available. Amends sections in and adds to ORS chapters 411, 412, 413. Repeals sections in ORS chapter 413. (H 1862)

Old-age assistance, eligibility and need A/SP c.43

Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to disregard amounts of income and resources of applicant or recipient within limits permitted or required by federal laws and rules. Amends ORS 413.120. Eff. 4 Mar 65. (H 1124)

Public assistance, application for EXCLUDED c.300

Eliminates requirement that application for public assistance be by sworn statement. Amends ORS 411.650. Eff. 4 May 65. (H 1282)

Work relief programs A c.291

Broadens work relief programs by authorizing agencies of federal or state government, towns, public corporations or political subdivisions in state to participate as well as cities and counties. Amends ORS 411.855, 411.860, 418.095, 657.067, 657.140. Eff. 4 May 65. (H 1110)

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Community work and training program c.130 HB 1291

Redesignates "work relief program" as "community work and training program". Details status of participants with respect to civil service, retirement, unemployment compensation and workmen's compensation.

Counties, welfare budgets, reduction c.240 SB 343

Authorizes State Welfare Commission to reduce county welfare budget within fiscal year under certain circumstances.

Medical assistance program c.502 HB 1769

Establishes medical assistance program for categorically needy and medically needy persons. Fixes minimum income and resource levels for eligibility of medically needy. Authorizes Public Welfare Commission to use medical assistance funds to provide required services through insurance or contracts with health, medical and hospital contractors. Establishes medical advisory committee of 15 members appointed by Governor. Directs that medical assistance be provided categorically needy and permits assistance to medically needy beginning July 1, 1967, provided funds are available. Eff. 1 Jul. 67.

Patients in state institutions, costs of care c.549 HB 1746

Directs Board of Control, in establishing reimbursement rates for care of persons in state institutions, to insure that such rates reflect current costs directly related to care of such persons. Revises procedure for determining ability of a person to pay for care of relative or other person in a state institution. Eff. 30 Jun. 67.

Public assistance, blind date of payment c.285 HB 1287

Deletes requirement that aid to the blind shall begin on first day of the month in which assistance is given.

Child welfare
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day care facilities

1782
c.641

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Regulates operation of such facilities caring for five or more children. Provides penalties. Eff. 1 Jul. 70. Establishes advisory committee to assist in such regulation. Eff. 1 Jul. 69.

shelter-care homes

1506
c.184

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Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to provide and pay for services to maintain shelter-care homes for children in temporary custody pending investigation and disposition.

Public assistance, administration, application

1218
c.68

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Permits county welfare commissions to determine eligibility for public assistance solely from declaration of applicants. Requires applicants, recipients and others in assistance households to notify county departments of any change in circumstances affecting eligibility for assistance. Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to investigate and review for purpose of removing ineligible persons from public assistance rolls.

administration, county responsibility

1240
c.45

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Requires state to assume all costs for public assistance currently responsibility of counties. Requires counties to make up any underpayments during fiscal 1969-1970 for public assistance. Requires commission to reimburse counties for any overpayments during fiscal 1969-1970 for use as revenue during fiscal 1970-1971. Reduces county tax levies by amount levied for public assistance in 1968. Eff. 1 Jul. 69.

Public assistance
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administration, county responsibility
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Repeals provisions for county tax levies and budgets for public assistance. Eff. 27 Mar. 69.

administration, enforcement, notice

1113
c.66

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Extends prohibition against unlawfully obtaining public assistance to include such assistance obtained because of failure to notify county department of material change in circumstances.

administration, enforcement, sharing

1110
c.246

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Applies prohibition against sharing public assistance moneys to persons of either sex.

administration, residency

1887
c.468

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Deletes statutory residency requirements as precondition for receipt of public assistance. Eff. 11 Jun. 69.

aid to dependent children, educational training

194
c.123

Expands public assistance scholarship program to include education, as well as training programs. Provides that funds for such scholarships may be paid from any public or private source and that such program be applied to training in any publicly supported educational, vocational or training institution, instead of community colleges only.

aid to dependent children, eligibility

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c.65

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Authorizes public assistance for dependent children, otherwise eligible, who have been removed from their families by court and placed in licensed nonprofit private child caring agencies.

Public assistance
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aid to dependent children, work placement programs

1507
c.281

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Provides for referral of certain persons in aid to dependent children households for placement in employment, work training and special projects, including sanctions for persons refusing without good cause to participate. Eff. 1 Jul. 69.

blind, aid

1672
c.636

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Increases standard of need in aid to the blind program from \$98 to \$110.

medical assistance, aged

1112
c.203

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Deletes provisions for public assistance program for medical assistance for aged, but retains authorization to assert rights of recovery from fraudulent transfers of property, improper receipt of assistance and estate claims. Permits recovery of such payments under relative responsibility law.

medical assistance, eligibility

1220
c.507

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Enlarges eligibility for medical assistance. Allows recovery of medical assistance payments from settlements of personal injury claims. Provides for state reimbursement for care of mentally retarded patients under such program and appropriates reimbursement funds. Eff. 1 Jul. 69.

medical assistance, insurance

1219
c.207

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Authorizes State Public Welfare Commission to use insurance and health care service contracts to provide one or more of medical and remedial care and services available under general assistance. Specifies terms for such contracts.

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Also COUNTIES

welfare, child agencies

1674
c.440

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Increases state aid to child agencies caring for blind, wayward girls, and mental and venereal disease patients. Eff. 1 Jul. 69.

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1971

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Medical assistance,
coverage c. 488
SB 413

Provides medical assistance for persons under 21 years of age in youth care centers for whom a public agency has assumed financial responsibility. Includes periodic diagnostic services for persons under 21 as part of medical assistance.

eligibility c. 503
HB 1664

Prohibits Public Welfare Division from requiring needy person over 65 years of age to sell real property used as home as condition for entering or remaining in medical care facility.

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Medical assistance
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information c.188
HB 1665

Requires public welfare administrators, when giving information concerning medical assistance programs, to provide listing of all health arts licensed in state.

Recovery, aid to disabled c.335
HB 1520

Authorizes recovery of aid to disabled from estate of recipient's spouse when recipient has no estate. Prohibits such recovery if recipient is survived by child under 21 years of age or child blind or totally and permanently disabled. Declares that transfers by recipient of real property without adequate consideration may be set aside. Eff. 9 Jun. 71.

general assistance c.422
HB 1521

Permits recovery of general assistance from estate of recipient or, if estate of recipient does not have sufficient funds, from estate of spouse of recipient. Prohibits recovery if recipient survived by child under 21 years or child blind or permanently and totally disabled. Eff. 20 Jun. 71.

medical assistance, senior citizens c.334
HB 1518

Authorizes recovery of medical assistance from estate of spouse when recipient over 65 at time of assistance and had no estate. Provides that transfers by recipients of real property without adequate consideration may be set aside. Eff. 9 Jun. 71.

Recovery
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old age c.455
HB 1519

Permits recovery of old-age and medical assistance from estate of recipient's spouse when recipient has no estate. Prohibits such recovery if recipient is survived by child under 21 years or child blind or totally and permanently disabled. Provides that transfers of real property by recipients without adequate consideration may be set aside. Eff. 25 Jun. 71.

Relatives' responsibility, liability, determination c.407
HB 1070

Revises provisions for determining financial responsibility of relatives for support of needy person. Changes definition of gross annual income to that contained in Internal Revenue Code, plus non-taxable, excluded or exempt income. Revises provision granting authority to Department of Revenue to provide income tax information to Public Welfare Division. Eff. 20 Jun. 71.

liability, examination, parents, children c.750
SB 37

Exempts persons from liability for public assistance to relative where such persons would not be liable for cost of care of relative at state mental institution because of duration of residency or age. Exempts resident parents from liability for maintenance at state institution if child is emancipated minor or 21 years of age at time of original commitment. Exempts child from liability if parent is committed to institution for mentally ill during child's minority.

Relatives' responsibility
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liability, exemptions, state institutions c.125
HB 1237

Exempts from liability for public assistance persons liable or exempt for cost of care at state institutions.

liability, extent c.480
SB 240

Subjects responsible relative to liability only for pro rata share rather than total cost of public assistance furnished needy relative whenever there is more than one relative determined liable and total individual liability exceeds total cost. Requires written notice be sent to relative's last known address before imposition of liability. Eff. 1 Jan. 72.

schedule of payments c.651
HB 1071

Enacts new income schedule for relatives' responsibility determination.

Scholarship funds, job training c.227
HB 1538

Authorizes Public Welfare Division to reallocate scholarship funds for recipients to supportive services under job related training program when funds otherwise available therefor are exhausted.

maximum limit c.387
SB 227

Eliminates \$400 per year maximum limit on scholarships and grants to welfare recipients entitled thereto.

Sheltered workshops c.617
SB 278

Requires Vocational Rehabilitation Division to devise subsidy program for sheltered workshops. Authorizes Public Welfare Division to enter into agreements with Vocational Rehabilitation Division for purchase of services from sheltered workshops to train current, former or potential aid recipients.

Support cases c.543
HB 1893

Authorizes Department of Justice to institute pilot project on support enforcement and to prosecute selected non-support cases when district attorney agrees. Requires department to submit plan for project to Emergency Board. Appropriates \$64,505 from General Fund to board for purposes of Act. Eff. 1 Jul. 71.

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Blind, minimum amount c. 394
HB 2636
Increases minimum standard of need of blind persons receiving public assistance from \$110 to \$135 per month. Eff. 20 July 73.

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Children, abuse reports, teachers, nurses c. 110
SB 551

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Relates to privileged communications between staff members of

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Children, abuse reports, teachers, nurses (cont.)

schools or nurses, and children. Provides that such privileged communications shall not be grounds for excluding evidence in child abuse cases. Further provides that privileged communications sections do not effect the duty of certain persons to report instances of suspected child abuse.

abuse reports, transfer, confidentiality c. 306
HB 2367

Authorizes Children's Services Division to forward copy of child abuse report to local law enforcement agency when child moves to another city or county. Provides that confidential records remain confidential when released to law enforcement agency or physician. Prohibits violation of confidentiality rule. Prescribes penalties.

child-caring agencies, health care, records c. 545
HB 2387

Requires child-caring agency to provide for medical examinations of each child under its care at specified intervals. Requires inoculations and certain tests be provided each child under six years of age. Requires visual and aural acuity tests and complete physical examinations be given to all children in an agency's care within six months prior to transfer of custody to prospective adoptive parents. Requires child-caring agency to keep records of tests and make such records part of child's health record. Requires child-caring agency and persons authorized to arrange adoptions to make child's health record available to natural parents and to prospective foster or adoptive parents. Requires that adoptive or foster parents receive certain explanation of medical factors possible as result of child's birth history, hereditary or congenital defects, or disease or disability experience.

dependent, aid, definition of child c. 464
SB 550

Modifies definition of "dependent child" for purpose of provisions relating to aid to dependent children to include a child who has been accounted for placement and care by

Children, dependent, aid, definition of child (cont.)

Public Welfare Division or Children's Services Division or both divisions.

dependent residences, placement c. 801
HB 2499

Authorizes Children's Services Division to establish or license independent residence facilities for certain qualified minors. Authorizes division to make payment grants to minors in such facilities for food, shelter, clothing and incidental expenses. Authorizes division to establish cooperative financial management agreements with certain qualified minors. Provides the designated parental support obligation is not removed or limited by enrollment of qualified minors in an independent living program. Appropriates \$50,000 to Children's Services Division. Eff. 22 July 73.

Public assistance, eligibility, coverage c. 651
SB 898

Authorizes Public Welfare Division to establish by rule total value of resources that applicant for or recipient of aid to blind, aid to disabled, or old-age assistance may retain without affecting eligibility or amount of payment and to establish by rule certain items that shall not be considered in determining total value of resources of such applicant or recipient. Removes statutory limitations on value of resources held by such applicant or recipient. Removes statutory exemption of certain kinds of resources. Removes requirement that income and resource disregarded conform to federal law and federal rule. Adds to medical services provided by division, intermediate care facility services for individuals 65 years of age or older and inpatient hospital services for individuals under 21 years of age, in certain state institutions. Excludes service for any individual between ages 21 and 65 who is patient in institution for mental diseases. Permits Public Welfare Division to enter into agreements whereby Federal Government may determine eligibility and make public assistance payments on behalf of division. Eff. 21 July 73.

Recovery, illegal transfers of property c. 661
HB 3066

Authorizes personal representative of estate of deceased recipient of public assistance, as well as Public Welfare Division, to prosecute civil action to set aside illegal transfers of property.

relatives' responsibility, exemptions c. 334
SB 68

Prohibits recovery from relatives of any sums expended for medical assistance to recipients of assistance payments from the Public Welfare Division under the general assistance program, aid to the blind, aid to the disabled, old age assistance, and medical care of the aged. Eff. 20 July 73.

Work incentive programs c. 222
SB 546

Permits Public Welfare Division and Children's Services Division to engage in certain work incentive programs and to comply with related federal laws and regulations. Repeals designated provisions relating to work incentive programs. Eff. 6 July 73.

Excused