FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum
Nays:	Berger, Esquivel, Thatcher
Exc.:	-
Prepared By:	Jim Stembridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/25

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Gives adult foster care home providers right to collectively bargain with State of Oregon. Specifies that adult foster care home providers are persons who receive payment from state for providing adult foster care home services. Recognizes the labor organization identified in Executive Order 07-07 as the exclusive representative of adult foster care home providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amount of compensation received by adult foster care providers
- Required training and quality of care
- Conversion of independent contractors to employees for purpose of collective bargaining
- Provisions of National Labor Relations Act (NLRA)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Adult foster homes provide residential care for five or fewer elderly, physically-disabled, mentally ill, or developmentally disabled adults in a home environment. There are currently 2,600 providers in Oregon operating about 3,000 homes. Providers are paid through Medicaid. The Department of Human Services licenses and regulates adult foster homes. SB 858-B allows adult foster care providers to collectively bargain with the state, be considered public employees only for the purposes of collective bargaining, and not be allowed to strike.

Enrolled SB 788-A (2007) contains similar provisions for child care providers.