

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Subsequent Referral to Ways and Means be Rescinded

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Human Services to provide or contract for services for individuals with developmental disabilities, if the community mental health authority declines to offer or contract for services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local community mental health program service responsibilities
- Department to operate local programs indefinitely
- Mandated services versus optional by the local county unit
- Financial impact on community mental health programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon counties provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities through contracts with the Department of Human Services (DHS). Current state law allows DHS to operate field services in counties on a temporary basis; however the situation arises when a county declines to contract with DHS to provide the services.

SB 165 allows DHS to assume responsibility for the provision of services for individuals with developmental disabilities for a longer period of time and may assume direct responsibility or contract with qualified private providers. SB 165 only addresses developmental disabilities services, not other services such as public health or mental health services, and addresses the temporary aspects, which allows DHS to maintain services for a longer period of time should the county decline.