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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for enhancing and expanding services provided by centers for independent living to individuals with disabilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2971 appropriates \$1,880,000 from General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2013-15 biennium to enhance and expand services provided by centers for independent living.

DHS reports that the agency's Vocational Rehabilitation Program currently administers funds that are passed through to six centers for independent living that provide services to individuals with disabilities. Available funds are contracted out to these centers using the State Plan for Independent Living. The additional funds appropriated by this bill would also be contracted based on the State Independent Living Plan. The inclusion of this funding will increase funding for these centers, creating more stable funding for the centers, and ensuring continued and possibly expanded services to clients.

Note that if services are enhanced and expanded for the 2013-15 biennium using funding appropriated by this bill as intended, these services will require funding into future biennia for their continuation.