

HB 2963 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$2,000,000 to the Department of Human Services for the development of gatekeeper programs statewide to involve local communities in the safety and support of seniors and people with disabilities. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Gatekeeper programs train employees of community businesses and organizations to recognize and refer at-risk older adults and people with disabilities to the Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon (ADRC). The original Gatekeeper program was developed by the Spokane Mental Health Elder Services Program in Washington State, and has been adapted and replicated nationally and internationally. The program provides basic training to postal workers, meter readers, financial institutions, emergency responders, social service agencies, and others in how to recognize warning signs and make a referral to the ADRC. ADRC information and assistance staff arrange for a follow-up call, visit or appropriate referral to check on the referred individual and provide needed support. House Bill 2963 appropriate \$2,000,000 to the Department of Human Service for the development of gatekeeper programs statewide.