

HB 3122 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/18, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services and the Governor to require specified amount of General Fund to support independent living services in all 30 Oregon counties. Sunsets July 1, 2029.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to independent living that individuals with disabilities experience
- Social and health disparities of individuals with disabilities
- The 600,000 people in Oregon with disabilities
- Peer delivery of services to other individuals with disabilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Independent Living Services are provided by Centers for Independent Living (CILs) across the state. According to the Department of Human Services, CILs are private, non-profit organizations run by people with disabilities in which services are provided through a peer-mentoring model. CILs provide services to individuals with any type of disability and of any age. Individuals that experience a significant disability that limits their ability to function independently can access skills training; peer counseling; life transition assistance; help with housing, transportation, cooking, and advocacy services, among a range of other supports and services. Over a dozen counties in Oregon are currently without CIL services.

House Bill 3122 seeks sustained long-term funding through July 2029 to ensure program stability for independent living centers.

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