

**SB 669 -8, -9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish by rule training requirements, as specified in the measure, that must be met before certain individuals may be permitted to provide in-home care services. Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop recommendations for methods to assess and monitor home care services provided by home care workers. The recommendations may include electronic monitoring of home care workers or on-site monitoring by case managers or services coordinators of home care workers providing care in their clients' homes. The recommendations are due to the Legislature no later than February 1, 2021. Accelerates OHA's on-site inspection schedule of in-home care agencies from once every three years to once every two years. Requires home health agencies to ensure that in-home care services provided in addition to skilled nursing services are provided by individuals who meet the training requirements established by OHA, if applicable. Allows OHA to deny, suspend, or revoke the license of an in-home care agency for failure to comply with training requirements or employment or wage laws. The provisions related to the training requirements, on-site inspection schedule, and authorization for OHA to deny, suspend, or revoke the license of an in-home care agency under specific circumstances become operative January 1, 2021.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-8 Replaces the measure

-9 Establishes General Fund appropriations and Federal Funds expenditure limitation to support the measure's estimated fiscal impact.

**BACKGROUND:**

An in-home care agency provides services necessary to assist individuals with daily needs. In-home care agencies must obtain a license from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) prior to providing services and licenses must be renewed annually. As part of the licensing and renewal process, OHA is required to conduct on-site inspections of services provided by each in-home care agency once every three years. Home care workers help people who receive Medicaid-eligible in-home services funded through the Department of Human Services (DHS) stay in their homes

Senate Bill 669 establishes training requirements for individuals who provide in-home care services, accelerates OHA's on-site in-home agency inspection schedule from once every three years to once every two years, and authorizes OHA to deny, suspend, or revoke in-home care agency licenses for failure to comply with training requirements or employment or wage laws. The measure also requires DHS to develop recommendations for methods to assess and monitor home care services provided by home care workers.