

HB 2908 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/07/19
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-0-0-2
Yeas: 3 - Fagan, Gelser, Monnes Anderson
Abs: 2 - Heard, Knopp
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to collaborate with area agencies to study the feasibility of expanding Oregon Project Independence (OPI) statewide. Requires study to include projected case numbers, timeline for expansion, and resource needs. Requires report to relevant committees by September 15, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) is a program administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) that provides preventive, in-home services and supports to a diverse population of eligible individuals to reduce the risk of more costly, out-of-home placement, and to promote self-determination and aging-in-place. It benefits consumers who need long-term services and supports who are not Medicaid recipients, who are 60 years of age or older, and individuals of any age with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder. A 2014 pilot program added individuals with disabilities, ages 19 through 59, who live in specific counties.

Area Agencies on Aging are public or private nonprofit entities, designated by the state, that address the needs and concerns of older individuals at local and regional levels. They offer and coordinate a range of services to help older adults that prefer to remain in their homes.

House Bill 2908 A directs DHS to collaborate with area agencies to study and report to the Legislative Assembly on the feasibility of expanding OPI statewide.