

HB 2595 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct and update an analysis of staff workloads for administering the medical assistance program before developing its budget each biennium. Requires Department of Human Services to report to the Legislative Assembly and make report available to the public.

Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Budgeting process and current staff analysis in DHS, update foundation for workload study
- External review process of staffing analysis for agencies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Directs the Department of Human Services to conduct an analysis of staff workloads and staffing needs prior to developing a budget each biennium for its division of the Department of Human Services responsible for serving seniors and persons with disabilities.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides direct support to more than on million Oregonians each year, and its key functions serve children, adults and families, and seniors and people with disabilities. It publishes a budget every two years, which currently does not include an analysis of staff workload for the medical assistance program. The Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities Program has many programs and services including medical assistance and long-term care services and supports. Oregon's 65+ population is projected to grow from 791,000 to 1,000,000 by 2030. According to the Oregon Department of Human Services 2021-2023 Budget Report, Oregon is expected to serve more than 150,000 seniors and people with disabilities in Medicare related programs. In addition to mandated Medicare-related programs, Medicaid services allow for long-term care services for individuals in the community, in-home, and in nursing facilities. Oregon Department of Human Services 2021-2023 Budget Report shows a 2.3% forecasted increase in long-term care compared to the last biennium.

House Bill 2595 directs DHS to conduct an analysis of staff workload for administering the medial assistance program and to update the analysis every two years to account for any changes in staffing policies.