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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 17, 2021

Subject: HB 2397 – Relating to emergency medical services for residents in long term care settings
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2397 establishes the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The program is to select, fund, and monitor local public sector pilot projects to improve senior emergency medical services in Oregon. The program will be funded by the DHS Quality Care Fund.

This measure also establishes the Senior Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor, to advise DHS on selection and facilitation of pilot projects. DHS is directed to report to the Legislature on pilot projects selected, and recommendations to improve emergency services in Oregon.

DHS anticipates hiring one new full-time Administrative Specialist 2, at a total cost of \$99,503 Other Funds in 2021-23, to assist with setting up this program. Should this measure pass, position authority and expenditure limitation for this position will be included in the end of session bill. DHS may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session to request expenditure limitation to fund Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program pilot projects, once these projects are selected.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2397 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____