

SB 703 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Anderson, Gelser, Lieber, Robinson, Taylor

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds one member to the Quality Measurement Council (Council) to represent direct care workers. Requires residential care facilities to provide the Department of Human Services (DHS) with the same information they are currently required to provide to residents who request it or to persons who apply for admission, every time there is a change of facility management or ownership. Directs DHS to publish the information on its website. Requires DHS to evaluate the cost of care, medical assistance reimbursements, and direct care compensation, as specified, at certain facilities and report to the legislature by January 1, 2023. Authorizes contracting with a third party to conduct evaluation instead. Prohibits overburdening facilities with requests for information and requires DHS to publish the results. Sunsets reporting requirement January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work and collaboration in 2016 to create the current quality measurement process; impact on the current process
- Authority vested with the Council and current status of Residential Care Quality Management Program
- Delay with first year of data collection (2020) largely due to length of appointment process, large volume of work to get underway, then pandemic
- Trend with respect to the acquisition of care facilities by shareholder-owned businesses for investment and business development purposes
- Aligning metrics with residents' most common concern: inadequate staff and direct impact on quality of care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Residential Care Quality Measurement Program (Program) within the Department of Human Services (DHS) and a corresponding advisory body, the Quality Measurement Council (Council), were created via House Bill 3359 in 2017, following completion of a 2016 research study by the Institute on Aging at Portland State University. House Bill 3359 required the Council to work with DHS to develop a quality metrics reporting system so that the performance of residential care facilities and assisted living facilities could be evaluated. Care facilities would then report the required information to DHS annually, and DHS would prepare and publish a statewide report. Data collection began in 2020 and is due to be reported in 2021.

Senate Bill 703 A adds a representative of direct care workers to the Council. The measure also requires residential care facilities to inform DHS whenever there is a management or ownership change, by providing DHS with the same information they are currently required to share with residents and persons who apply for admission, and directs DHS to publish the information on its website. Finally, the measure requires DHS to

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evaluate the cost of care, medical assistance reimbursements, and direct care compensation at certain facilities (or to contract for same by a third party), publish the results, and report to the legislature by January 1, 2023.