

House Bill 3345

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON (at the request of Dorothy Musgrove, Lee Bliven, CareWorks of Lane County)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to conduct study of staffing ratios of direct care staff to residents and factors that contribute to cost of care in long term residential facilities. Requires department to report to interim committees related to health care, by September 15, 2022, department's findings from study and recommendations for legislative changes needed to limit increases in costs of care without discouraging improvements in services, staffing ratios or staff wages.

Sunsets January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to long term residential care; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a study of the staffing ratios of direct care staff to residents in long term care facilities, residential care facilities and facilities with memory care endorsements and factors that contribute to the cost of care provided in such facilities.

(2) No later than September 15, 2022, the department shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the department's findings from the study and recommendations for legislative changes needed to limit increases in the cost of care in long term care facilities, residential care facilities and facilities with memory care endorsements without discouraging facilities from improving services, staffing ratios or wages paid to direct care workers.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.