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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 25, 2022

Subject: SB 1556 – Relating to caregivers
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1556 establishes a process for Oregon’s direct care workers to become certified as home or community-based services caregivers. This includes home care workers or employees of agencies that provide home or community-based services to consumers in the Aging and People with Disabilities system. To this end, it requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to

- Adopt administrative rules setting out the criteria for certification,
- Develop an application process and verification requirements, and
- Establish and maintain an online registry of caregivers accessible to the public.

ODHS estimates a need for \$333,204 total funds and one permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to implement the measure. The Oregon Health Authority is expected to have minor absorbable costs. The -A6 amendment puts the funding in the bill.

The measure had previous hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery on February 3, 2022 and February 10, 2022.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1556, as amended by the -A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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