

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure: SB 1548 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to allow specified individuals receiving home- and community-based care to receive agency with choice services to perform employment-related functions with respect to workers employed by individuals to provide in-home care and services.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Cities, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Human Services (DHS), Counties, Information Technology

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to certify agencies to deliver agency with choice services as community-based services option. DHS is to adopt reimbursement rates for services and minimum qualifications for agencies. DHS is also to adopt rules to ensure fiscal transparency and high-quality service in the provision of community-based services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, which includes requirements to annually submit staffing data to a reporting survey organization specified by DHS, and to submit an annual report to DHS regarding provider finances. DHS is also directed to adopt rules to ensure that wages and health benefits paid to direct support professionals delivering community-based supports reflect increases in rates approved by the Legislative Assembly; and to adopt criteria for applying for a new license, certification, or endorsement.

Additionally, this measure states that a single-family detached dwelling that is used a residential training home or an adult foster home is not required to have installed an automatic sprinkler system under certain circumstances. This is repealed on January 2, 2026.

DHS and the Oregon Health Authority are to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services and health no later than October 1, 2022 on the impact of residential sprinkler system requirements on programs and facilities they regulate. DHS it also to report on program options for community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities offered by agencies with consumer-directed hiring of personal care workers and direct support professionals; and to report on recommendations for modernizing the licensing, certification, and endorsement fee schedules and the administration of civil penalties related to services provided to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.