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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.

Requires Department of Human Services to allow specified individuals receiving in-home services and supports to receive agency with choice services to perform employment-related functions with respect to *[workers]* **direct support professionals** employed by individuals to provide in-home services and supports. Specifies criteria for agencies to be certified by department to provide agency with choice services. Includes *[workers]* **persons** providing agency with choice services as mandatory reporters of abuse.

Requires department to adopt rules to ensure fiscal transparency in, and high quality of, services provided to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and specifies minimum requirements for rules.

Prohibits department and Oregon Health Authority from requiring *[certain applicants for initial license or certification]* **single-family dwellings used for residential training homes or adult foster homes** to have sprinkler systems if *[applicant]* **dwelling has been operated as residential training home or adult foster home pursuant to license issued prior to July 1, 2024, and operator meets other** specified criteria. Sunsets January 2, 2026.

[Prohibits department and authority from requiring certain applicants for renewal of license or certification to have sprinkler systems if applicant meets specified criteria. Sunsets January 2, 2036.]

Requires department to submit various reports to certain committees of Legislative Assembly regarding options for community-based services, licensing fees and civil penalties.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community-based services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 124.050; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that it is essential to support Oregonians with intel-
5 lectual or developmental disabilities to live and participate in their communities as independently
6 as possible and to ensure an array of services that empower and respect the individuals' choices and
7 dignity; and

8 Whereas workers who provide home- and community-based services often lack access to high
9 quality training or adequate compensation in the form of wages, health care benefits and retirement
10 benefits; and

11 Whereas meeting the growing demand for high quality home- and community-based services will
12 require workforce investments, including worker recruitment, retention and support and the devel-
13 opment of career opportunities; and

14 Whereas Oregon has an interest in preventing or mitigating any disruptions to home- and
15 community-based services; now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

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.

1 (a) “Agency with choice services” means performing, on behalf of an individual, the fol-
2 lowing functions as the employer of record for direct support professionals who are providing
3 in-home services and supports to the individual:

4 (A) Coordinating the schedules and responsibilities of direct support professionals who
5 are providing in-home services and supports to the individual;

6 (B) For each direct support professional providing in-home services and supports to the
7 individual, withholding, filing and paying income and employment-related taxes, including
8 workers’ compensation premiums and unemployment taxes;

9 (C) Verifying the qualifications of each direct support professional; and

10 (D) Providing other administrative and employment-related supports.

11 (b) “Individual” means a child or adult with an intellectual or developmental disability
12 who receives in-home services and supports through the Department of Human Services.

13 (2) The department shall certify agencies to deliver agency with choice services as a
14 community-based services option under ORS 427.007 (1)(d).

15 (3) The department shall adopt by rule:

16 (a) Minimum qualifications for agencies to be certified by the department to deliver
17 agency with choice services; and

18 (b) Reimbursement rates for the services.

19 (4) Minimum qualifications for agencies certified to deliver agency with choice services
20 include, but are not limited to:

21 (a) The ability to provide support for individuals in directing the individual’s direct sup-
22 port professional and the day-to-day services of the direct support professional;

23 (b) A commitment to recruit and retain a high quality and diverse workforce to provide
24 agency with choice services;

25 (c) A commitment to work with a broad coalition of stakeholders in an effort to under-
26 stand the changing needs of the workforce and of individuals’ needs, rights and preferences;

27 (d) The ability to meet the state’s interest in preventing or mitigating disruptions to
28 individuals’ in-home services and supports; and

29 (e) The ability to implement an electronic visit verification system that complies with
30 state and federal requirements or, in the absence of an electronic visit verification system,
31 to monitor a statistically valid sample of each claim for reimbursement for the cost of ser-
32 vices to the receipt of the services by the individual.

33 (5) The department may not certify an agency to provide agency with choice services if
34 the owner of the agency or an executive officer of the agency has been convicted of Medicaid
35 fraud in any state within the 25-year period prior to the certification.

36 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to ensure fiscal
37 transparency in the provision of community-based services to individuals with intellectual
38 or developmental disabilities and to ensure individuals with intellectual or developmental
39 disabilities receive high quality services from providers that are licensed, certified or en-
40 dorsed by the department to provide community-based services. At a minimum, the rules
41 must establish, for providers of community-based services to individuals with intellectual or
42 developmental disabilities:

43 (a) Requirements to annually submit staffing data to a reporting survey organization
44 specified by the department;

45 (b) Requirements to submit an annual report to the department that includes:

1 (A) A disclosure of executive compensation and benefits;

2 (B) A disclosure of starting, average and highest wages for direct support professionals
3 that are employed by, under contract with or otherwise engaged with the provider to deliver
4 community-based services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

5 (C) A disclosure of the provider's overhead expenses and expenditures; and

6 (D) Any other fiscal matters prescribed by the department;

7 (e) Requirements to ensure that wages and health benefits paid to direct support pro-
8 fessionals delivering community-based supports reflect any increase in rates approved by the
9 Legislative Assembly for the purpose of improving wages and health benefits;

10 (d) Criteria for conditions under which a provider may be prohibited from applying for a
11 license, certificate or endorsement;

12 (e) Criteria for the inclusion of information about the organizational history of an appli-
13 cant for a new license, certification or endorsement, not to exceed the 10 previous years; and

14 (f) A process for the consideration of the regulatory and safety compliance and opera-
15 tional experience of all providers in this state or in any other jurisdiction when issuing an
16 initial license, certification or endorsement or renewing a license, certification or endorse-
17 ment.

18 (2) Rules adopted by the department must, to the greatest extent practicable, consolidate
19 new reporting requirements with existing reporting requirements to avoid the need for pro-
20 viders to make duplicative reports of the same information.

21 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any provision of the state building code, as defined in ORS
22 455.010, a single-family detached dwelling that is used to operate a residential training home,
23 as defined in ORS 443.400, or an adult foster home, as defined in ORS 443.705, is not required
24 to have installed an automatic sprinkler system if:

25 (1) The dwelling has been operated as a residential training home or an adult foster home
26 pursuant to a license issued prior to July 1, 2024;

27 (2) The operator is licensed to serve five or fewer individuals in the dwelling; and

28 (3) The operator and the dwelling meet all other fire, life and safety requirements es-
29 tablished by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority by rule.

30 **SECTION 4.** No later than October 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services and the
31 Oregon Health Authority shall provide to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
32 related to human services and to health a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,
33 regarding the impact of residential sprinkler system requirements on programs and facilities
34 regulated by the department and the authority. The report shall include, but not be limited
35 to:

36 (1) The potential impact on capacity to serve individuals discharged from the Oregon
37 State Hospital into community-based settings;

38 (2) The potential impact on capacity to serve individuals with physical, intellectual or
39 developmental disabilities in community-based settings;

40 (3) The potential impact on capacity to serve seniors and aging Oregonians in
41 community-based settings;

42 (4) The potential impact on capacity to serve children and youth in the child welfare and
43 juvenile justice systems in family homes;

44 (5) The estimated cost of retrofitting existing residential facilities to comply with sprin-
45 kler system mandates; and

1 **(6) Proposals for how to implement modern standards for fire suppression efforts in a**
2 **way that minimizes disruption of services for Oregonians in need of residential care, sup-**
3 **ports or services.**

4 **SECTION 5. No later than October 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall re-**
5 **port to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services and**
6 **to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, program options for community-based**
7 **services for seniors and people with disabilities offered by agencies with consumer-directed**
8 **hiring of personal care workers and direct support professionals. The report should include**
9 **a description of models currently implemented by other states.**

10 **SECTION 6. No later than October 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall re-**
11 **port to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services and**
12 **to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, recommendations for modernizing the li-**
13 **icensing, certification and endorsement fee schedules and the administration of civil penalties**
14 **related to services provided to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in-**
15 **cluding, at a minimum:**

16 **(1) How fees and penalties may be adjusted for inflation;**

17 **(2) Whether the department should have the authority to decrease or waive fees in cer-**
18 **tain circumstances;**

19 **(3) Whether licensing, certification or endorsement fees should be required for agencies**
20 **providing supported living, community living supports or other licenses, certifications and**
21 **endorsements offered by the division of the department that is responsible for developmental**
22 **disability services;**

23 **(4) Whether licensing, certification or endorsement fees should reflect the size of the**
24 **agency or number of individuals served by the agency;**

25 **(5) The extent to which licensing, certification and endorsement fees cover the cost of**
26 **licensing, certification and endorsement activities;**

27 **(6) Any legislative changes to simplify civil penalties or structure civil penalties to ensure**
28 **fairness, equity and effectiveness in improving the quality of services to individuals with in-**
29 **tellectual or developmental disabilities; and**

30 **(7) Any legislative changes necessary to implement modern, sustainable and equitable li-**
31 **icensing, certification and endorsement fee and civil penalty schedules.**

32 **SECTION 7. ORS 124.050 is amended to read:**

33 124.050. As used in ORS 124.050 to 124.095:

34 **(1) “Abuse” means one or more of the following:**

35 **(a) Any physical injury to an elderly person caused by other than accidental means, or which**
36 **appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.**

37 **(b) Neglect.**

38 **(c) Abandonment, including desertion or willful forsaking of an elderly person or the withdrawal**
39 **or neglect of duties and obligations owed an elderly person by a caretaker or other person.**

40 **(d) Willful infliction of physical pain or injury upon an elderly person.**

41 **(e) An act that constitutes a crime under ORS 163.375, 163.405, 163.411, 163.415, 163.425, 163.427,**
42 **163.465, 163.467 or 163.525.**

43 **(f) Verbal abuse.**

44 **(g) Financial exploitation.**

45 **(h) Sexual abuse.**

1 (i) Involuntary seclusion of an elderly person for the convenience of a caregiver or to discipline
2 the person.

3 (j) A wrongful use of a physical or chemical restraint of an elderly person, excluding an act of
4 restraint prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 and any treatment activities
5 that are consistent with an approved treatment plan or in connection with a court order.

6 (2) "Elderly person" means any person 65 years of age or older who is not subject to the pro-
7 visions of ORS 441.640 to 441.665.

8 (3) "Facility" means:

9 (a) A long term care facility as that term is defined in ORS 442.015.

10 (b) A residential facility as that term is defined in ORS 443.400, including but not limited to an
11 assisted living facility.

12 (c) An adult foster home as that term is defined in ORS 443.705.

13 (4) "Financial exploitation" means:

14 (a) Wrongfully taking the assets, funds or property belonging to or intended for the use of an
15 elderly person or a person with a disability.

16 (b) Alarming an elderly person or a person with a disability by conveying a threat to wrongfully
17 take or appropriate money or property of the person if the person would reasonably believe that the
18 threat conveyed would be carried out.

19 (c) Misappropriating, misusing or transferring without authorization any money from any ac-
20 count held jointly or singly by an elderly person or a person with a disability.

21 (d) Failing to use the income or assets of an elderly person or a person with a disability effec-
22 tively for the support and maintenance of the person.

23 (5) "Intimidation" means compelling or deterring conduct by threat.

24 (6) "Law enforcement agency" means:

25 (a) Any city or municipal police department.

26 (b) Any county sheriff's office.

27 (c) The Oregon State Police.

28 (d) Any district attorney.

29 (e) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121 or 353.125.

30 (7) "Neglect" means failure to provide basic care or services that are necessary to maintain the
31 health or safety of an elderly person.

32 (8) "Person with a disability" means a person described in:

33 (a) ORS 410.040 (7); or

34 (b) ORS 410.715.

35 (9) "Public or private official" means:

36 (a) Physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, naturopathic physician or
37 chiropractor, including any intern or resident.

38 (b) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide
39 or employee of an in-home health service.

40 (c) Employee of the Department of Human Services or community developmental disabilities
41 program.

42 (d) Employee of the Oregon Health Authority, local health department or community mental
43 health program.

44 (e) Peace officer.

45 (f) Member of the clergy.

- 1 (g) Regulated social worker.
- 2 (h) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- 3 (i) Senior center employee.
- 4 (j) Information and referral or outreach worker.
- 5 (k) Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist.
- 6 (L) Elected official of a branch of government of this state or a state agency, board, commission
- 7 or department of a branch of government of this state or of a city, county or other political subdi-
- 8 vision in this state.
- 9 (m) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
- 10 (n) Psychologist.
- 11 (o) Provider of adult foster care or an employee of the provider.
- 12 (p) Audiologist.
- 13 (q) Speech-language pathologist.
- 14 (r) Attorney.
- 15 (s) Dentist.
- 16 (t) Optometrist.
- 17 (u) Chiropractor.
- 18 (v) Personal support worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- 19 (w) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- 20 (x) Referral agent, as defined in ORS 443.370.
- 21 **(y) A person providing agency with choice services under section 1 of this 2022 Act.**
- 22 (10) "Services" includes but is not limited to the provision of food, clothing, medicine, housing,
- 23 medical services, assistance with bathing or personal hygiene or any other service essential to the
- 24 well-being of an elderly person.
- 25 (11)(a) "Sexual abuse" means:
- 26 (A) Sexual contact with an elderly person who does not consent or is considered incapable of
- 27 consenting to a sexual act under ORS 163.315;
- 28 (B) Verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature, including but not limited to severe or
- 29 pervasive exposure to sexually explicit material or language;
- 30 (C) Sexual exploitation;
- 31 (D) Any sexual contact between an employee of a facility or paid caregiver and an elderly per-
- 32 son served by the facility or caregiver; or
- 33 (E) Any sexual contact that is achieved through force, trickery, threat or coercion.
- 34 (b) "Sexual abuse" does not mean consensual sexual contact between an elderly person and:
- 35 (A) An employee of a facility who is also the spouse of the elderly person; or
- 36 (B) A paid caregiver.
- 37 (12) "Sexual contact" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163.305.
- 38 (13) "Verbal abuse" means to threaten significant physical or emotional harm to an elderly
- 39 person or a person with a disability through the use of:
- 40 (a) Derogatory or inappropriate names, insults, verbal assaults, profanity or ridicule; or
- 41 (b) Harassment, coercion, threats, intimidation, humiliation, mental cruelty or inappropriate
- 42 sexual comments.
- 43 **SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services shall adopt the rules described in sec-**
- 44 **tion 2 of this 2022 Act no later than October 1, 2023.**
- 45 **SECTION 9. (1) Section 3 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

1 **(2) Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this 2022 Act are repealed on January 2, 2023.**

2 **SECTION 10. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect**
4 **on its passage.**

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