

## **SB 1016 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Human Services**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish and maintain regional family support networks to provide peer-delivered supports for families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in consultation with the Family Support Advisory Council in addition to already existing programs. Directs DHS to make these services available to families of individuals who are currently receiving or at risk of requiring developmental disability services. Permits DHS to contract directly with community organizations for the provision of regional family support network services. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Removes requirement for Department of Human Services to consult with the Family Support Advisory Council when establishing regional family support networks.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon (ORS 417.342), families have the right to access family support services provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS) (ORS 417.349) that include but are not limited to: family support consultation; information and referral; financial assistance; emergency and outreach services; and individual and family-centered assistance. A family is eligible to receive family support services and goods (ORS 417.348) if: the family has a family member requiring long term care due to disability or chronic illness whom the family desires to keep at home or return to the home from an institution or other out-of-home placement; the family desires to care for the dependent family member at home if financial, physical or other barriers are reduced or eliminated and adequate community-based support services are provided; and the family is caring for a family member who is waiting for residential or vocational services. Oregon's Family Support Advisory Council (ORS 417.346) reviews and comments on plans and services provided or contracted for family support by state agencies and advise the director of DHS on the state plans for coordinated family support services. DHS's [Family Support and Connections services program serves](#) low-income families with at least one child under 18 who lives at home and are not receiving services through Child Welfare. Families that join the program are connected with a Family Support and Connections advocate. Another DHS program is the [Children's Intensive In-home Services \(CIIS\)](#) provides case management services that help families care for their children with significant disabilities in their homes. The program provides services based on the needs of the child and family with state and federal resources. CIIS has three specialized sections to address the needs of children with disabilities and complex care needs. A child could qualify and receive services through [one of three programs](#): the Intensive Behavior Program (BEH), the Medically Involved Program (MICP), or the Medically Fragile Program (MFCU). The Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) has funded peer-delivered services provided by [Family Support Specialists and Youth Support Specialists](#) since July 2013. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provides funding for counties to deliver these services to families who do not have Medicaid. Some private and commercial insurance plans offer coverage for Family Support Specialist services as well. Family and Youth Support Specialists are parts of: family network organizations, crisis teams, hospital emergency rooms, residential treatment facilities, outpatient clinics, and some specialized clinics and health services. Counties can offer Family Support Specialist services through different organizations, including

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family organizations such as the Oregon Family Support Network. The non-profit [Oregon Family Support Network](#) (OFSN) is an organization developed to provide peer support to families by families who have children and adolescents with mental, emotional, and/or behavioral disorders.

Senate Bill 1016 directs DHS to establish and maintain regional family support networks to provide peer-delivered supports for families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in addition to already existing programs.