

SB 93 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services to study processes for delivering services to aging adults and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure.

Names the Department of Human Services (DHS) or other child-caring agency as parties to proceedings in a juvenile court if DHS has taken child or ward into protective custody or has temporary custody of the child or ward. Adds assistance with activities of daily living to definition of services and support provided in community-based structured housing. Directs owners of community-based structured housing facility to register their name and address with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) if the facility provides services to individuals with mental, emotional, behavioral, or substance use disorders. Directs owners of community-based structured housing facility to register their name and address with DHS if the facility provides services and support to elderly or residents who have disabilities. Permits DHS, in addition to OHA, to establish standards for the operation of facilities in its jurisdiction, provide evidence of the registration, impose civil penalties, suspend or revoke registration, and deny the issuance of registration. Permits facilities to register with one entity only. Directs DHS and OHA to jointly determine with which agency registers each facility subject to registration by both DHS and OHA. Permits DHS, in addition to OHA, to waive requirements for the operation of a facility if another governmental entity's standards are substantially similar or superior. Permits DHS staff, in addition to OHA staff, to enter and investigate complaints of abuse in these facilities and to apply to a circuit court for a search warrant. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

Community-based supports and services (CBSS) are designed to help community-dwelling older adults remain safely in their homes and delay or prevent institutionalization. CBSS provide specific resources for older adults and their caregivers that include wellness programs, nutritional support, educational programs about health and aging, and counseling services for caregivers, as well as general assistance with housing, finances, and home safety. CBSS also provide opportunities for community and civic engagement through programs and can enhance individuals' skills and attitudes ([National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, 2011](#)). [The Community Services and Supports Unit](#) is dedicated to making it easier for seniors to get the help they need to support their well-being and maintain themselves in the community for as long as possible with independence, dignity, and choice through the delivery of services funded by the [Older Americans Act](#). The Community Services and Supports Unit works closely with [16 Area Agencies on Aging](#) to create a comprehensive package of community services. In addition, this unit works in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders to develop and administer a federally required State Plan on Aging.

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