

SB 1016 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide peer-delivered supports for families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, in addition to existing family support services, by establishing and maintaining regional family support networks. Authorizes DHS to contract with community organizations to provide regional family support network services. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 25; Nays, 3; Excused, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of funding for regional family support networks via budget notes
- Benefits of peer support
- Regions of state served by family support networks
- Minimum funding level
- Experiences of families receiving services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, families have the right to access family support services provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS), including family support consultation, information and referral; financial assistance; emergency and outreach services; and individual and family-centered assistance (ORS 417.340 to 417.355). These services are generally available to families with needs due to a person's disability or chronic illness, particularly who may be transitioning in or out of residential care, vocational services, or other community-based support services.

Examples of programs include the [Family Support and Connections services](#) program for low-income families with minor children and [Children's Intensive In-home Services \(CIIS\)](#) which provides case management services that help families care for their children with significant disabilities in their homes. The state has funded through its Medicaid plan peer-delivered services provided by [Family Support Specialists and Youth Support Specialists](#) since July 2013, although services are also available for families not enrolled in Medicaid. Family and Youth Support Specialists serve as parts of family network organizations, crisis teams, hospital emergency rooms, residential treatment facilities, outpatient clinics, and some specialized clinics and health services. Counties offer Family Support Specialist services through organizations like [Oregon Family Support Network](#), which was created to provide peer support to families with children and adolescents with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders.

Senate Bill 1016 A directs DHS to provide peer-delivered supports for families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, in addition to existing family support services, by establishing and maintaining regional family support networks.