

## SB 99 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services

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**Action Date:** 04/03/23

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Rules.

**Vote:** 3-2-0-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski

**Nays:** 2 - Robinson, Weber

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/20, 4/3

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#### 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:

- Stakeholder-led survey by Oregon Department of Human Services in 2021 results
- Concerns with discrimination and access to services for the Oregon LGBTQIA2S+ older adults community in long-term care
- Other states that have established similar laws to improve access to services for LGBTQIA2S+ Older Adults
- Advisory committee intent and authority
- Commission on LGBTQIA2S+ Older Adults scope, membership, confirming of positions, age requirements for agency representatives
- Definition and intent of terms in Bill of Rights for LGBTQIA2S+
- Provider compliance and training requirements applicability

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Formal and informal support systems become increasingly important to maintain independence as people age and older adults are the fastest growing segment of the [US population](#). In 2016, about 69 percent of the U.S. population aged 85 and over had at least one type of disability, compared with just nine percent of the population under the age of 65 ([American Community Survey Reports](#), 2016). In 26 Oregon counties, 37.0 - 45.9 percent of the population aged 65 and over has a disability ([2013-2017 Census data](#)) and in four counties that percent was over 46. In Oregon, about 32 percent of the population in 2021 was 65 years old or older and had a disability.

Senate Bill 99 directs the Department of Human Services to study processes for delivering services to aging adults.