

SB 99 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Weber

Senate Committee On Human Services**Minority Report****Action Date:** 04/03/23**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Report Signers:** Sen. Suzanne Weber, Sen. Art Robinson**Prepared By:** Iva Sokolovska, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/20, 4/3**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes the Commission on Older Adults on Fixed Incomes Who Are Affected by Inflation and specifies its legislative intent and duties. Specifies Commission membership and appointing entities. Specifies member eligibility. Specifies terms of office of Commission members. Permits members to be compensated for expenses. Directs the Commission to appoint a chair, vice chair, and director and specifies their duties. Directs the Commission to report to the Legislative Assembly by June 30 on even-numbered years, specifies reporting requirements. Permits the Commission to establish advisory or technical committees. Permits the Commission to receive funds from grants and gifts from any source.

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:

Replaces the measure.

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.

Senate Bill 99 MRA establishes the Commission on Older Adults on Fixed Incomes Who Are Affected by Inflation.