

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2589**

Ordered by the House April 5  
Including House Amendments dated April 5

Sponsored by Representatives MORGAN, GOODWIN; Representatives HIEB, LEVY B (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires **Oregon Department of Administrative Services to conduct wage study and Department of Human Services to conduct workforce study to determine eligibility and enrollment case manager staffing levels needed to complete [assessments within 20] eligibility determinations within 45 days** for individuals seeking enrollment in programs for all-inclusive care for elderly[, and to submit agency request budget each biennium that reflects resources needed to meet determined staffing levels]. **Requires departments to report findings of studies to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health by January 15, 2024.**

[Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for hiring 15 additional full-time staff to conduct assessments.]

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas as a result of the delays in completing assessments, medically fragile individuals seek-  
4 ing enrollment in PACE programs are denied needed intensive care and wrap-around services and,  
5 while the assessments are pending, cannot be discharged from hospitals and skilled nursing facilities;  
6 and

7       Whereas the delays in discharging medically fragile individuals from hospitals and skilled nurs-  
8 ing facilities has limited the capacity of hospitals and skilled nursing facilities to accept new pa-  
9 tients; and

10       Whereas adding more staff to conduct assessments for PACE programs will shorten the pro-  
11 cessing times for enrollment in PACE programs benefiting PACE program participants and individ-  
12 uals in need of inpatient hospital and skilled nursing facility care; now, therefore,

13 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

14       **SECTION 1.** (1) **As used in this section, "PACE program" means a program of all-**  
15 **inclusive care for the elderly as described in 42 U.S.C. 1396u-4.**

16       (2) **Not later than December 31, 2023, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services**  
17 **shall complete a wage study of the case workers employed by the Department of Human**  
18 **Services who perform enrollment and eligibility functions for the PACE program.**

19       (3) **Not later than December 31, 2023, the Department of Human Services shall complete**  
20 **a workforce study to determine the number of eligibility and enrollment case managers that**  
21 **are needed to meet the 45-day eligibility determination deadline for the PACE program, in-**  
22 **cluding the number of case managers that will be necessary to process eligibility determi-**  
23 **nations and enrollments for new PACE program centers expected to open in 2024.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1           **(4) Not later than January 15, 2024, the departments shall report their findings from the**  
2 **studies described in this section, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim**  
3 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health.**

4           **SECTION 2.** **This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
6 **July 1, 2023.**

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