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Requested by Senator GELSER BLOUIN

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 105

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "services" insert "; creating new provisions; and amending sections 1 and 2, chapter 91, Oregon Laws 2022".

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 "SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 91, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to 5 read:

6 "Sec. 1. (1) As used in this section:

"(a) 'Agency with choice services' means [performing, on behalf of an in-7 dividual, the following functions as the employer of record for direct support 8 professionals] support given to an individual in self-directing the 9 individual's services or in managing the individual's direct support 10 workers who are providing in-home services and supports to the 11 12 individual, using a person-centered approach to ensure that the individual is at the center of the decision-making process regarding what 13 services are needed, including by providing: 14

15 "[(A) Coordinating the schedules and responsibilities of direct support 16 professionals who are providing in-home services and supports to the individ-17 ual;]

"[(B) For each direct support professional providing in-home services and supports to the individual, withholding, filing and paying income and employment-related taxes, including workers' compensation premiums and unemployment taxes;] 1 "[(C) Verifying the qualifications of each direct support professional; and]

"(A) Training, coaching and other forms of support to the individual on:

4 "(i) Self-direction; and

5 "(ii) The roles and responsibilities of the individual and the agency
6 with choice services provider;

"(B) Training, coaching and other forms of support to the individual
in the overall management of direct support workers including in the
recruitment, hiring, scheduling and training of direct support workers,
performance assessments of direct support workers, and dismissal of
direct support workers; and

"[(D)] (C) [Providing] Other administrative and employment-related supports.

"(b) 'Individual' means a child or adult with an intellectual or developmental disability, or the representative of the child or adult, who receives in-home services and supports through the Department of Human Services.

"(2) The department shall [certify agencies] contract with one or more
 organizations to deliver agency with choice services as a community-based
 services option under ORS 427.007 (1)(d).

21 "[(3) The department shall adopt by rule:]

"[(a) Minimum qualifications for agencies to be certified by the department
 to deliver agency with choice services; and]

24 "[(b) Reimbursement rates for the services.]

"[(4)] (3) [Minimum qualifications for agencies certified to deliver agency
with choice services include, but are not limited] An organization contracting with the department under subsection (2) of this section shall
be expected, at a minimum, to:

29 "[(a) The ability to provide support for individuals in directing the 30 individual's direct support professional and the day-to-day services of the di-

1 rect support professional;]

2 "[(b) A commitment to recruit and retain a high quality and diverse 3 workforce to provide agency with choice services;]

"(a) Maximize an individual's self-direction and autonomy by supporting the individual to direct the individual's direct support workers
and manage the day-to-day services of the individual's direct support
workers;

8 "[(c)] (b) Have a commitment to work with a broad coalition of 9 stakeholders in an effort to understand the changing needs of the workforce 10 and of individuals' needs, rights and preferences; **and**

"[(d)] (c) Have the ability to meet the state's interest in preventing or mitigating disruptions to individuals' in-home services and supports[; and].

"[(e) The ability to implement an electronic visit verification system that complies with state and federal requirements or, in the absence of an electronic visit verification system, to monitor a statistically valid sample of each claim for reimbursement for the cost of services to the receipt of the services by the individual.]

"[(5)] (4) The department may not [certify an agency] contract with an organization under subsection (2) of this section to provide agency with choice services if the owner of or an executive officer of the organization [the agency] has been convicted of Medicaid fraud in any state within the 25-year period prior to [the certification] entering into the contract.

"<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 2, chapter 91, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to
 read:

"Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to ensure fiscal transparency in the provision of community-based services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and to ensure individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities receive high quality services from providers that are licensed, certified or endorsed by the department to provide community-based services. At a minimum, the rules

must establish, for providers of community-based services to individuals with
intellectual or developmental disabilities:

"(a) A reasonable fee to be paid by an organization when applying
to become certified or to be recertified to provide community-based
services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

6 "[(a)] (b) Requirements to annually submit staffing data to a reporting
7 survey organization specified by the department;

8 "[(b)] (c) Requirements to submit an annual report by April 15 of each
9 year to the department that includes:

10 "(A) A disclosure of executive compensation and benefits;

"(B) A disclosure of starting, average and highest wages for direct support [professionals] workers that are employed by, under contract with or otherwise engaged with the provider to deliver community-based services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

"(C) A disclosure of the provider's overhead expenses and expenditures,
 including for advertising, recruitment, purchasing property, employee
 benefits and training; [and]

"(D) A description of the retirement, health care and other benefits
 offered to employees, including the participation cost for each employee and the rate of employee participation;

21 **"(E) Disclosure of all revenue sources;**

22 "(F) All realized profits; and

(D) (G) Any other fiscal matters prescribed by the department;

"[(c)] (d) Requirements to ensure that wages and health benefits paid to direct support [*professionals*] **workers** delivering community-based supports reflect any increase in rates approved by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of improving wages and health benefits;

((d)) (e) Criteria for conditions under which the department may:

"(A) Prohibit a provider [may be prohibited] from applying for a license,
 certificate or endorsement; and

"(B) Revoke, suspend or place a condition on the certification of a provider;

"[(e)] (f) Criteria for the inclusion of information about the organizational
history of an applicant for a new license, certification or endorsement, not
to exceed the 10 previous years; and

6 "[(f)] (g) A process for the consideration of the regulatory and safety 7 compliance and operational experience of all providers in this state or in any 8 other jurisdiction when issuing an initial license, certification or endorse-9 ment or renewing a license, certification or endorsement[.] including, at a 10 minimum:

"(A) Criteria for determining the appropriate sanction for failure
 to comply with employment and wage laws;

13 "(B) Completing criminal background checks; and

"(C) Complying with requirements for providing training for direct
 care workers.

"(2) A nonprofit organization may meet the requirements in sub section (1)(c) of this section by submitted to the department the
 organization's Internal Revenue form 990.

"[(2)] (3) Rules adopted by the department must, to the greatest extent practicable, consolidate new reporting requirements with existing reporting requirements to avoid the need for providers to make duplicative reports of the same information.

"SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall issue requests for proposals for up to two contracts under section 1, chapter
91, Oregon Laws 2022, no later than December 31, 2024.".

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