

Requested by Senator WEBER

**PROPOSED MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 99**

1 Delete lines 4 through 9 of the printed bill and insert:

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3 **“COMMISSION ON OLDER ADULTS ON FIXED INCOMES WHO ARE**
4 **AFFECTED BY INFLATION**

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6 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘older adults on fixed in-**
7 **comes who are affected by inflation’ means adult residents of the**
8 **United States who are over 62 years of age receiving Social Security**
9 **benefits.**

10 **“(2) The Commission on Older Adults on Fixed Incomes Who Are**
11 **Affected by Inflation is established. The legislative intent of the com-**
12 **mission is to:**

13 **“(a) Work to improve state agency interactions and communication**
14 **with, and support of, older adults on fixed incomes who are affected**
15 **by inflation;**

16 **“(b) Create advocacy opportunities for, and support equity for, older**
17 **adults on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation throughout state**
18 **government; and**

19 **“(c) Find strategies to help older adults on fixed incomes who are**
20 **affected by inflation to become aware of state and federal programs**
21 **that offer assistance to individuals on fixed incomes.**

1 **“(3) The Commission on Older Adults on Fixed Incomes Who Are**
2 **Affected by Inflation consists of 12 members as follows:**

3 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting**
4 **member from among members of the Senate.**

5 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**
6 **nonvoting member from among members of the House of Represen-**
7 **tatives.**

8 **“(c) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Depart-**
9 **ment.**

10 **“(d) The Governor shall appoint nine members after requesting and**
11 **considering recommendations from the Department of Human Ser-**
12 **vices, area agencies, as defined in ORS 410.040, organizations that work**
13 **with or advocate for older adults on fixed incomes who are affected**
14 **by inflation, organizations that work with or advocate for long term**
15 **care facilities, as defined in ORS 442.015, and other interested organ-**
16 **izations with experience in serving older adults.**

17 **“(4) The members of the commission who are appointed by the**
18 **Governor must:**

19 **“(a) Be residents of this state;**

20 **“(b) Have knowledge or experience in one or more of the following:**

21 **“(A) Housing;**

22 **“(B) Health care;**

23 **“(C) Long term services and supports;**

24 **“(D) Dementia;**

25 **“(E) Human immunodeficiency virus;**

26 **“(F) Mental health;**

27 **“(G) Adult protective services;**

28 **“(H) Elder law, as a member of the Oregon State Bar; or**

29 **“(I) A public or private agency that has experience with or knowl-**
30 **edge of, or that advocates for the needs of, older adults on fixed in-**

1 comes who are affected by inflation;

2 “(c) Include a majority of at least three members who identify as
3 an older adult on fixed income who is affected by inflation;

4 “(d) Be supportive of the legislative intent of the commission de-
5 scribed in subsection (2) of this section; and

6 “(e) Be confirmed by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS
7 171.562 and 171.565.

8 “(5) The term of office of each member of the commission appointed
9 by the Governor is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure
10 of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the
11 Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on January 1
12 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a
13 vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to
14 become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

15 “(6) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the com-
16 mission are entitled to payment of compensation and expense re-
17 imbursement under ORS 171.072, payable from funds appropriated to
18 the Legislative Assembly.

19 “(7) A member of the commission who is appointed by the Governor
20 is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

21 “(8) The commission shall select one of its members as chairperson
22 and another as vice chairperson, for terms and with duties and powers
23 necessary for the performance of the functions of the offices as the
24 commission determines.

25 “(9) A majority of the voting members of the commission consti-
26 tutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

27 “(10) The commission shall meet at times and places specified by
28 the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the
29 commission. The commission shall meet at least once every three
30 months. The commission may also hold fact-finding hearings or other

1 public forums as it deems necessary.

2 “(11) The commission shall:

3 “(a) Advise the Governor and the Director of Human Services, or
4 the director’s designee, on the needs of older adults on fixed incomes
5 who are affected by inflation.

6 “(b) Recommend actions by the Governor, the Department of Hu-
7 man Services, other governmental entities or the private sector to
8 address the needs of older adults on fixed incomes who are affected
9 by inflation by:

10 “(A) Coordinating programs for older adults on fixed incomes who
11 are affected by inflation;

12 “(B) Avoiding unnecessary duplication of services; and

13 “(C) Identifying gaps in the provision of services.

14 “(c) Examine the impact of state policies and rules on older adults
15 on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation and make recommen-
16 dations to ensure equal access to treatment, care and benefits.

17 “(d) Assess the funding and programming needed to provide services
18 to the growing population of older adults on fixed incomes who are
19 affected by inflation.

20 “(e) Identify best practices for:

21 “(A) Reducing isolation and preventing abuse and exploitation of,
22 and promoting the independence and self-determination of, older
23 adults on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation;

24 “(B) Strengthening caregiving;

25 “(C) Eliminating disparities; and

26 “(D) Improving the quality of life for older adults on fixed incomes
27 who are affected by inflation.

28 “(f) Assess whether any policy or practice, or the absence of any
29 policy or practice, promotes the premature admission of older adults
30 on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation to institutional care.

1 **“(g) Make recommendations, if appropriate and necessary, for lower**
2 **cost and culturally appropriate home- and community-based alterna-**
3 **tives to institutional care.**

4 **“(h) Examine strategies for increasing providers’ awareness of the**
5 **needs of older adults on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation**
6 **and their caregivers and for improving the competence of providers in**
7 **addressing the needs of older adults on fixed incomes who are affected**
8 **by inflation and in improving access to treatment, services and ongo-**
9 **ing care, including preventive care.**

10 **“(i) Examine the feasibility of developing publicly accessible state-**
11 **wide training curricula to improve the competency of health care and**
12 **human services providers in delivering health, housing and long term**
13 **support services to older adults on fixed incomes who are affected by**
14 **inflation and their caregivers.**

15 **“(j) Examine outreach protocols to reduce the apprehension of older**
16 **adults on fixed incomes who are affected by inflation in utilizing long**
17 **term care providers that do not have a particular mission, skill set,**
18 **training or culture to specifically support older adults on fixed in-**
19 **comes who are affected by inflation.**

20 **“(12) In developing its recommendations under subsection (11) of**
21 **this section, the commission shall consider best policies and practices**
22 **used in other states and jurisdictions.**

23 **“(13) No later than June 30 of each even-numbered year, the com-**
24 **mission shall submit a report on the commission’s activities, findings**
25 **and recommendations, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to:**

26 **“(a) The Governor;**

27 **“(b) The Department of Human Services;**

28 **“(c) The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives;**

29 **“(d) The Secretary of the Senate; and**

30 **“(e) The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**

1 **human services.**

2 **“(14)(a) The commission shall appoint a director to serve at the**
3 **pleasure of the commission.**

4 **“(b) The designation of the director must be by written order, filed**
5 **with the Secretary of State.**

6 **“(c) Subject to any applicable provisions of ORS chapter 240, the**
7 **director shall appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the**
8 **commission, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation.**

9 **“(15)(a) The commission may establish any advisory or technical**
10 **committees the commission considers necessary to aid and advise the**
11 **commission in the performance of its functions. The committees may**
12 **be continuing or temporary.**

13 **“(b) The commission shall determine the representation, member-**
14 **ship, terms and organization of the committees and shall appoint the**
15 **members of the committees.**

16 **“(c) Members of the advisory or technical committees are not en-**
17 **titled to compensation, but in the discretion of the commission may**
18 **be reimbursed from funds available to the commission for actual and**
19 **necessary travel and other expenses reasonably incurred by the com-**
20 **mittee members in the performance of their official duties in the**
21 **manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.**

22 **“(16)(a) The commission may solicit and receive funds from grants**
23 **and gifts from any source, public or private, to assist and support the**
24 **commission’s duties.**

25 **“(b) All moneys collected or received by the commission shall be**
26 **paid into the General Fund of the State Treasury and are continuously**
27 **appropriated for and shall be used by the commission in carrying out**
28 **the purposes for which the funds are received.**

29 **“SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by sec-**
30 **tion 1 of this 2023 Act, of the members first appointed to the Com-**

1 **mission on Older Adults on Fixed Incomes Who Are Affected by**
2 **Inflation by the Governor:**

3 **“(1) Three shall serve for terms ending December 31, 2026.**

4 **“(2) Three shall serve for terms ending December 31, 2027.**

5 **“(3) Three shall serve for terms ending December 31, 2028.”.**

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