

## **SB 1591 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Human Services**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure changes how many residents an adult foster home can have and permits up to seven residents instead of just five. Adult foster homes have to follow specific rules and pay certain fees to care for more than five older adults. The Department of Human Services will make rules for licensing these homes with more than five residents. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### Detailed Summary:

Modifies definition of adult foster home to allow adult foster homes to serve up to seven residents. Specifies criteria adult foster homes need to meet and fees they need to pay to serve more than five older adults. Directs Department of Human Services to adopt rules for licensing adult foster homes that house more than 5 residents. Clarifies that adult foster homes is not considered residential care facilities. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Diversity of acuity levels of patients in adult foster homes
- Closures of adult foster homes across Oregon
- Licensing requirements for different types of homes based on clients from Office of Aging and People with Disabilities or Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
- Sprinkler system requirements
- Homes for clients with developmental disabilities and licensing requirements
- Client capacity of adult foster homes

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Adult foster homes are licensed single-family residences that offer 24-hour care in a homelike setting to older adults and adults with physical disabilities. A wide variety of residents are served in adult foster homes - from those needing only room and board to those needing full personal care. The goal of the adult foster home licensee is to provide care and services to residents while supporting their independence, choice and right to make decisions. Adult foster homes provide the opportunity for residents to reside in a safe and caring family-like environment. During the 1970s and 1980s, there was a significant expansion of adult foster homes in the United States, driven by a growing recognition of the importance of community-based care and a desire to provide alternatives to institutionalization for aging or disabled individuals. Many states began formalizing regulations and licensing requirements for adult foster homes during this time to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. In Oregon, adult foster homes must undergo inspections and obtain licenses before they can admit residents. These inspections are conducted initially and then at least once a year for as long as the home remains operational. If there are concerns raised about the care given to residents or the state of the facility, the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) from ODHS or the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) office will conduct an investigation.