

SB 1074 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Human Services, when preparing its biennial agency request budget, to prepare accurate caseload forecasts for the older adults and individuals with disabilities served by the department, as well as workload projections that account for specified inputs. The measure requires the department, in collaboration with an organization representing area agencies on aging, to report any changes requiring budget adjustments during the biennium to the legislature.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon faces an aging population, according to the most recent [demographic forecast](#) prepared by the [Office of Economic Analysis](#). The share of the state's population over age 65 has grown rapidly as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age, and older adults now outnumber children in the state. This demographic shift has implications for the state's economy and the demand for public services.

The [Aging and People with Disabilities \(APD\)](#) division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) manages the department's programs and services for older adults and people with physical disabilities. This includes licensing and regulating Medicaid-funded Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) providers, managing Older Americans Act programs such as Meals on Wheels through the network of [Area Agencies on Aging](#), and investigating reports of elder abuse through Adult Protective Services.