

## HB 2956 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Human Services to study adult foster homes and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2027.

*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:

-2 The amendment replaces the measure. It establishes a pilot program that would allow participating adult foster homes to serve up to seven, rather than up to five, residents.

##### Detailed Summary:

- Directs the Department of Human Service (DHS) to administer a pilot program that would allow participating adult foster homes (AFHs) to provide for up to seven, rather than five, adults.
- Instructs DHS to adopt rules for participating AFHs related to staffing ratios, shared occupancies of rooms, and requirements for AFHs to pass a physical inspection before participating in the pilot program.
- Specifies certain factors DHS must consider when approving an AFH for the pilot project, including:
  - The AFH's history of regulatory compliance, abuse complaints, and findings of investigations; and
  - Input from local regulatory authorities on the AFH's ability to take on additional residents.
- Directs DHS to consult with the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) and instructs the LTCO to make residents aware of services provided by the ombudsman.
- Requires DHS to collect specified data on the pilot program and to submit a report on the results of the pilot program to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by September 15, 2028.
- Sunsets January 2, 2029.

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

#### BACKGROUND:

Adult foster homes (AFHs) are licensed single-family residences that offer 24-hour care in homelike settings to older adults, adults with physical disabilities, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DDs), or adults diagnosed with qualifying mental illnesses. Adult foster homes provide room and board to residents, as well as services that assist the residents in activities of daily living, such as assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, and eating.

[ORS 443.705 to 443.825](#) governs adult foster homes, including licensing requirements, fees, and standards. AFHs that serve adults with mental illness are licensed and regulated by the Oregon Health Authority, while AFHs that serve older adults, individuals with physical disabilities, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are licensed and regulated by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Currently, all types of AFHs may only serve five or fewer adults.

The Legislative Assembly has previously considered bills that would have increased the number of residents that could be served in an AFH. [House Bill 3270 A](#), introduced in 2019, would have required DHS to administer a pilot program to permit participating AFHs to serve up to seven residents. [Senate Bill 1101 \(2023\)](#) would have permitted AFHs to care for up to six residents, [Senate Bill 1591 \(2024\)](#) would have permitted up to seven residents. None of these proposals were enacted.