

HB 2573 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the responsibilities of the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program (Program) and Senior Emergency Medical Services Council (Council). It extends the sunset on the Program and the prohibition on local government regulation of long term care facilities or residential care facilities subject to regulation by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS).

Detailed Summary:

- Modifies Council's responsibilities to include evaluation of pilot project proposals with specified considerations.
- Requires Council to submit to ODHS request for funding of pilot projects approved by the Council that are less than \$1 million.
- Prohibits Council member from participating in deliberation of any pilot project the member has a direct conflict of interest with.
- Requires ODHS to allocate money for pilot projects approved by the Council within 90 days.
- Requires ODHS to allocate up to one third of total funds available in Quality Care Fund to pilot projects approved by Council.
- Requires ODHS to conduct ongoing evaluation of Program, conduct pilot project site visits, and report findings on a quarterly basis.
- Extends sunset on the Program until January 2, 2030.
- Extends sunset on the prohibition on local government regulation of long term care facilities or residential care facilities subject to regulation by the ODHS until January 2, 2033.
- Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Uncertainty leading to delay in implementation of HB 2397 (2021) provisions
- Examples of pilot projects funded

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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- Clarifies responsibilities of Council.
- Permits ODHS to extend 90-day timeline to fund approve pilot projects if extension is reasonably necessary to accommodate negotiations with the pilot project.

BACKGROUND:

In the next ten years the number of Oregonians over age 65 is estimated to pass the number of those age 18 and younger. Passed in 2021, House Bill 2397 created the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program and a corresponding advisory body, the Senior Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, to support pilot projects concerned with residents who are aging in long term and residential care facilities.

House Bill 2573 modifies the responsibilities of the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Program and its advisory council while also extending the Program's sunset as well as the sunset on the prohibition on local government regulation of long term care facilities or residential care facilities subject to regulation by the Oregon Department of Human Services.