

SB 739 A -6, -8 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies requirements for the Department of Human Services (DHS) when investigating a complaint of a licensing violation at residential care facilities. Changes include but are not limited to revised response times, reporting and disclosure requirements. Additionally, the measure requires the DHS and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to inspect residential treatment facilities or homes within 90 to 120 days following the issuance of an initial license, receipt of a license renewal application and fee, or a change in ownership. In 2025-27, DHS is estimated to need \$10.7 million total funds and 53 positions to implement the measure; and OHA is estimated to need \$602,028 total funds and three positions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety and regulatory oversight of residential facilities and homes.
- Funding and staff resources included in Pop 101 some provisions of measure.
- Pop 101 included in LFO recommendation on DHS budget bill - SB 5526
- Consensus that budget note included in budget report for SB 5526 does not conflict with bill.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-6 The -6 amendment narrows the circumstances in which the agency must initiate a licensing investigation within 24 hours (only in circumstances of death), removes a requirement for reports to the Legislature,.

-8 The -8 amendment appropriates funds to DHS and OHA for staff resources to comply with the requirements of the measure. Specifically, it appropriates \$2.6 million General Fund (\$5.1 million total funds) to DHS, and \$301,014 General Fund (\$602,028 total funds) to OHA.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Human Services had a bill --SB 811-- to improve safety and oversight of residential care settings. It was accompanied by a policy option package seeking funding/positions to implement the bill. SB 811 was incorporated into SB 739. The policy option package was approved and included in the budget bill (SB 5526) for DHS. The -7 amendment adds funding to SB 739 to cover the difference between the total estimated need and the amount already provided in SB 5526