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Bill Title: Relating to supported decision-making.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Long Term Care Ombudsman

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time but are anticipated to have a fiscal impact- see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure establishes the Center for Decision-Making Supports within the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO). The center is directed to:

- Be a one-stop resource for families seeking information on youth with disabilities transitioning to adulthood and independence, guardianships, supported decision-making, health care directives, powers of attorney and alternatives to guardianship.
- Develop a system to provide information and resources on guardianship, supported decision-making and alternatives to guardianship.
- Provide referrals to advocacy organizations, legal assistance, or technical assistance.
- Enhance cross-agency collaboration on issues of guardianship and improve system delivery and support.

Fiscal Analysis

LTCO is comprised of three separate ombudsmen. The Long Term Care Ombudsman supports Oregonians in long term care facilities, the Residential Facilities Ombudsman supports those who live in disability or mental health residential facilities and the Oregon Public Guardian supports those who need significant help making critical decisions. In recent years, the number of Oregonians requiring the services of LTCO has increased significantly. In 2024, LTCO met 47% of the need of those in long term care, 21% of the need of those in residential facilities and 25-50% of those who are served by the Oregon Public Guardian (OPG). Adding an additional service or program will put further strain on existing agency staff making it harder for LTCO to fulfill its core statutory mission.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate and will depend on the extent of support LTCO provides, the number of individuals seeking assistance and the type of assistance they require. Potential start-up costs are estimated to be \$711,028 General Fund. New positions include three permanent full-time staff including one compliance manager 1 position, one program analyst 3 position and one administrative specialist 2 position. These positions are estimated to cost \$636,028 General Fund. Additional costs include \$75,000 General Fund for creating and providing reference materials.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.