

SB 130 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/03/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Gelser Blouin, Prozanski, Reynolds

Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Nash

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of Case Managers and Adult Protective Services Workers. The measure specifies the task force's membership and directs the task force to study and make recommendations on the barriers and best practices to recruit and retain case managers and adult protective services workers who serve consumers of Medicaid-funded long term care services by December 15, 2026. The measure appropriates unspecified General Fund moneys to the Department of Human Services (ODHS) for the task force.

Detailed summary:

- Establishes the Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of Case Managers and Adult Protective Services Workers.
- Specifies task force membership as nine Governor-appointed members with staff support provided by ODHS.
- Directs the task force to
 - identify barriers to the recruitment and retention of case managers and adult protective services workers who serve consumers of Medicaid-funded long term care services,
 - identify recruitment and retention best practices from other states, and
 - provide solutions to improve current recruitment and retention rates.
- Specifies the scope of the task force's responsibilities and operational requirements.
- Requires the task force to report its recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 2026.
- Appropriates unspecified General Fund moneys to ODHS for the task force.
- Directs all state agencies to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.
- Sunsets on December 31, 2026.
- Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal requirements to maintain Adult Protective Services (APS) and case management staff
- Workload of APS and case management staff
- Efficacy of task force approach versus alternatives
- Policy development process that includes the experiences of workers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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The Department of Human Services' [Aging and People with Disabilities \(APD\)](#) division is responsible for licensing, regulating, and overseeing the state's providers of long term care services, including in-home care and residential care facilities such as nursing facilities, assisted living, memory care, adult foster homes. The division also provides and coordinates, through sixteen local [Area Agencies on Aging \(AAAs\)](#), case management for individuals who receive these services through the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid program, and investigates instances of reported abuse of vulnerable adults through its Adult Protective Services (APS) program, as required by the federal [Older Americans Act](#). According to the [State Plan on Aging](#), six AAAs in Oregon are "Type B-Transfer" agencies that perform additional functions on behalf of APD, including APS investigations, while the other twelve agencies rely on local APD offices in their regions for those services. [According to APD](#), Adult Protective Services investigated 25,769 alleged incidents of abuse, and more than 57,000 people received support through Medicaid long-term services and supports in the two-year period ending in June 2023.