

HB 2061 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Elmer, Hartman, Javadi, McIntire, Nguyen H, Nosse, Ruiz, Scharf, Walters

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Case Managers and Adult Protective Service Workers, specifies the task force membership and structure, and directs the task force to study and make recommendations that address barriers and best practices to recruit and retain case managers and adult protective services workers. The measure directs the task force to submit a report, including recommendations, to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2026, and appropriates unspecified General Fund moneys to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the task force.

Detailed Summary

- Establishes the nine-member, Governor-appointed Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of Case Managers and Adult Protective Service Workers (task force) and outlines the membership and structure of the task force.
- Instructs the task force to identify
 - barriers to the recruitment and retention of adult protective services workers and case managers who serve individuals receiving Medicaid-funded long term care services;
 - recruitment and retention best practices from other states; and
 - solutions to improve recruitment and retention rates.
- Specifies scope of the task force's work and outlines operational requirements.
- Requires the task force to submit a report and recommendations to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by December 15, 2026.
- Sunsets December 31, 2026.
- Appropriates unspecified General Funds moneys to the Department of Human Services to conduct the task force.
- Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Staffing of the task force
- Task force membership
- Recommendations made by the task force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment entitles members of the task force to receive compensation and expenses.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Medicaid program, called the [Oregon Health Plan \(OHP\)](#) provides payment for long-term care for people who meet certain eligibility requirements. Services may include help with activities of daily living, health-related tasks, and other services. The Department of Human Services' Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) division is

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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, and adult foster homes.

APD develops a [State Plan on Aging](#), as required under the federal [Older Americans Act \(OAA\)](#), that provides a roadmap to programs and initiatives for older adults. According to the State Plan, APD works closely with local [Area Agencies on Aging \(AAAs\)](#) to provide and coordinate services including case management and investigations of reported abuse of vulnerable adults. Of Oregon's 16 AAAs, four are Type-B Transfer AAAs, which both administer OAA programs and perform additional functions on behalf on APD, including coordination of Medicaid eligibility and serves plans, adult protective services, and some licensing programs. The remaining 12 AAAs primarily administer OAA programs for their service areas while local APD offices administer other services including adult protective services ([APD](#), 2023, pp. 9). APD's adult protective services (APS) staff investigate reports of abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or abandonment, and provide assessment and intervention for reports of self-neglect. [According to APD](#), APS 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.