

SB 911 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/09/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

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: 2/20, 4/8, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules that establish a uniform payment methodology for providers of independent living program transition services for foster children. The measure requires that the methodology consider the number of hours of in-home services provided, consider the amount of time spent on outreach to foster children who are difficult to reach, and ensure adequate capacity and staffing levels to provide services based on average monthly population served. The measure requires that the Department of Human Services submit a report at least once every three years to interim legislative committees on the effectiveness of the uniform payment methodology. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Funding for Independent Living Program (ILP) services
- True cost of providing services
- Challenges faced by older foster youth
- Parenting support services available through ILP
- Potential fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment requires that the Department of Human Services submit a report at least once every three years to interim legislative committees on the effectiveness of the uniform payment methodology.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires that youth aged 14 and older who are wards of the court and in the custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) be provided with a case plan that addresses their needs and goals for transitioning into adulthood, such as housing, health, education, and employment ([ORS 419B.343](#)). Ordinarily, these youth remain wards of the court until age 21, but they may have their wardship dismissed if the court finds that appropriate case planning and services have been provided to allow them to live safely and independently ([ORS 419B.337](#)). ODHS coordinates [Independent Living Program \(ILP\)](#) services for this population by contracting with [providers](#) at the county level. The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs also provides ILP services with federal funds. Most [services](#) are available to youth aged 14 and older who are currently in foster care or previously experienced foster care for at least six months after age 13. ILP services include workshops on daily living skills, funds for purchasing items and services needed to live independently, housing subsidies, and education and training vouchers available through the [federal Chafee program](#).