A-Engrossed House Bill 2150

Ordered by the House April 15 Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representative SCHARF (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DHS to adjust for inflation certain payments to I/DD providers. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

[Digest: The Act tells ODHS to study rate and wage recommendations. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.7).]

[Requires the Department of Human Services to study the recommendations from the rate and wage study. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2026.]

[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]

Requires the Department of Human Services to adjust for inflation payments made under a contract with a provider agency for the provision of services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to compensation of service providers.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**
 - (a) "Community living support" includes attendant care, skills training and relief care.
 - (b) "Day support activities" means attendant care delivered during scheduled, structured activities in a nonresidential setting that focuses on maintaining or enhancing the skills needed by an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to engage in the individual's community.
 - (c) "Direct support professional" means an employee of a provider agency who provides attendant care to individuals receiving employment services, supported living services, day support activities, in-home or community living support services or services in a residential training facility or residential training home.
 - (d) "Employment services" means individualized, evidence-based services provided to an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to assist the individual in choosing, securing and retaining work in an integrated employment setting.
 - (e) "Provider agency" means an entity that provides:
- 18 (A) Services to individuals in residential training facilities or residential training homes;
- 19 **(B) In-home services;**
- 20 (C) Supported living services;
- 21 **(D) Employment services;**
- 22 (E) Day support activities; or
- 23 (F) Community living support.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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- (f) "Residential training facility" and "residential training home" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 443.400.
- (g) "Supported living services" means services that provide an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability the ability to live in the community where the individual wants, with whom the individual wants, for as long as the individual desires.
- (2) When the Department of Human Services enters into a contract with a provider agency for the provision of services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities by direct support professionals, the department shall adjust the payments made under the contract for inflation as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) No later than April 30 of each year, the department shall calculate the adjustment of the payments described in subsection (2) of this section based on the percentage increase, if any, from March of the preceding year to March of the year in which the calculation is made in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or its successor.
- (4) Any adjustment calculated under subsection (3) of this section shall take effect on July 1 of the year in which the calculation is made.