

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage, With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Cowan, Gelser, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: Olson

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for senior citizen services and programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Project Independence
- Rapidly changing demographics
- History of state as leader in promoting in-home living
- Impacts of recent reductions in funding to variety of programs for seniors

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds language calling for increased support for Oregon Project Independence.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Project Independence (OPI) serves individuals who are 60 years of age or older or who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, who meet the requirement of our long-term care services priority rule, and are not receiving Medicaid long-term care services except food Stamps, Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or Supplemental Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program benefits.

OPI and other senior services are provided statewide through Area Agencies on Aging local offices. Clients with net incomes between 100 percent and 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are expected to pay a fee toward their service, based on a sliding fee schedule; families with net incomes above 200 percent FPL pay the full hourly rate of the service provided. Allowable services include personal care, homemaker/home care services, chore services, assisted transportation, adult day care, respite, case management, registered nursing services and home delivered meals.