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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Promotes informed choice in the delivery of in-home care services by requiring state to provide information to clients about their options to directly employ in-home health providers or hire a home health agency to provide service. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure reflects current practices of Senior and People with Disabilities
- Importance of informed client choice
- Oregon's leadership in providing in-home care to seniors
- State policies support independence for seniors and disabled citizens

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Conforms language to resolves conflict with SB 83. Replaces "disabled citizens" with "citizens with disabilities."

BACKGROUND: In-home care is often advocated as a cost-effective way to deliver a range of health services to patients. Each patient can receive services from several disciplines, including therapists, nurses, social workers, and home health aides. There are two ways consumers can select in-home care providers: they can individually interview, select and employ providers themselves, or they can hire a third party agency to screen and then directly employ the provider.

House Bill 2993 A requires that consumers be given information about the two major ways to select and employ in home care providers.