

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cowan, Gelser, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/23, 4/06

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Promotes informed choice in delivery of in-home care services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Dignity and independence issues
- Oregon's historical leadership in providing in-home care to seniors
- Keeping people out of nursing homes
- Differences between consumer employed providers (CEP's) and contracted housing agencies
- Percentages of consumers using CEP's as compared to housing agencies

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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 requires that consumers be given information about the two major ways to select and employ in-home care providers.