

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass 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:	4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes the People with Disabilities Task Force to study and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly concerning the range of services available and needed to meet needs of children and adults with disabilities. Appropriates funds to Department of Human Services for staffing and expenses of task force. Requires Task Force to make report to interim committee of Legislature no later than October, 2008. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for statewide inventory of disabilities programs
- Existing advocacy and coordination efforts
- Need for executive and legislative leadership to help coordinate policy efforts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The People with Physical Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) was formed in 2005 to serve as a bridge between the interests and needs of people with physical disabilities and the programs and policies of the Department of Human Services (DHS). Members represent the geographic diversity of Oregon and serve as an ongoing communication link between DHS and Oregonians with physical disabilities.

The mission of the PDAC is to critically review and promote programs and policies within DHS by advocating, protecting, and developing services that are essential for enhancing choice, dignity, and independence for people with physical disabilities. PDAC reviews and advises DHS on programs and services that impact people with physical disabilities; identifies unmet needs and develop strategies for addressing those unmet needs; reviews proposed administrative rules; works with others improving DHS services and programs for people with physical disabilities; advises DHS during budget development and the approval process; and serves as the lead in developing strategies to promote choice, dignity, and independence.

The duties of the 16-member People With Disabilities Task Force created by House Bill 3330 include: documenting the extent of the need for medical and social services to persons with disabilities of all ages; identifying the availability, coordination and duplication of existing services or the lack of services to persons with disabilities; evaluating the cost of providing needed services and the best mechanism for delivery of needed services to persons with disabilities; and identifying methods for streamlining the delivery of existing services to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of services to persons with disabilities.

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