

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	George G., Kruse, Verger, Morrisette
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Monnes Anderson
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Meeting Dates:	1/21, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Home Care Commission to enter into interagency agreements or contracts with state agencies, provide compensation to home care workers who attend appropriate training and collect fees from persons who attend trainings and are not home care workers, and arrange for compensation and health care coverage for home care workers. Determines process by which Commission will be funded. Declares that the members of the commission are officers of the state and the Commission is a state Commission. Specifies that Commission will contract with Department of Human Services (DHS) for a DHS employee to serve as Commission's executive director. Allows Commission to contract with DHS to provide staff support and carry out duties and functions of the Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and accomplishments of the Commission
- Number of staff members that would be effected by bill
- Process for consumers to register complaint with Commission
- Change in quality of services provided since Commission formed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes language that made Commission completely independent from DHS. Determines process by which Commission will be funded. Declares that the members of the Commission are officers of the state and the Commission is a state commission. Specifies that Commission will contract with DHS for a DHS employee to serve as Commission's executive director. Allows Commission to contract with DHS to provide staff support and carry out duties and functions of the Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Home Care Commission was created with the passage of Ballot Measure 99 in 2000. It is a nine-member commission ensuring high-quality home care services for elderly and disabled persons receiving publicly-funded personal care. Members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms, confirmed by the Senate. The Commission has four major responsibilities: 1) to define the qualifications of home care workers; 2) to create a statewide registry of home care workers; 3) to provide training opportunities for home care workers and consumers; and 4) to collectively bargain for home care workers whose pay comes from public funds.

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