

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Yeas:	Cowan, Gelser, Gilliam, Olson, Tomei
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Meeting Dates:	5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies list of “special needs” which qualify for respite care to include mental illness and behavioral conditions. Requires the Oregon Lifespan Respite Care Program (“Program”) to provide technical assistance to community programs in the areas of respite care operations, resource development, best practices, training, coordination with other caregiver programs and promoting public awareness. Replaces the Family Support Advisory Council with new advisory council appointed by the Director of Department of Human Services (DHS). Requires the advisory council of the Program to meet no fewer than four times per year. Requires DHS to adopt rules for the Program, including rules establishing operational guidelines, outcome measures, program reporting, data collection, statewide minimum standards for respite care providers, standards for coordinating between the Program and other caregiver programs and statewide quality assurance. Expands ways in which respite funds can be used to include provider recruitment, administrative costs associated with technology acquisition and upgrades, and purchase of community based respite care for families.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Status of respite care initiatives contained in 1997 legislation
- Impact of recent budget reductions
- Interaction and partnership between local service coordinators and DHS
- Importance of data collection

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Respite care is temporary, short-term care for an individual with special needs, such as developmental and physical disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, chronic illnesses, Alzheimer's disease and related health concerns, medical fragility, and those at risk of abuse and neglect. The Oregon Lifespan Respite Care Program was established in 1997 (House Bill 2013) to help counties develop and implement community-based lifespan respite care networks to provide efficient, locally driven, single point of entry structure to increase access to respite services across the entire lifespan.