

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
Nays:	0
Exc.:	George G.
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Meeting Dates:	3/9, 3/14

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. Requires the advisory council of the Program to meet no fewer than four times per year. Requires Department of Human Services to adopt rules for the Program to include 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:

- Benefits of respite care
- Cost of caring for a person with special needs in the home
- Cost savings from respite care

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows Program to use appropriated funds for costs related to ongoing provider recruitment; administrative costs to include technology acquisition and upgrades to expand access and improve accountability; and purchase of community-based respite care for families and individuals.

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 (HB 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.