

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	George G., Kruse, Verger, Morrisette
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Monnes Anderson
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/28, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates a Task Force on Oregon's Comprehensive Services System for Adults and Children with Developmental Disabilities and establishes membership to be appointed by 30 days after sine die. Requires task force to evaluate current services for persons with developmental disabilities and develop a comprehensive plan for meeting the needs of adults and children with such disabilities. Requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature by October 1, 2008. Requires the Department of Human Services to staff task force. Declares emergency, effective on passage, and repeals act on the first day of the next regular legislative session.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Experiences of parents with adult children with developmental disabilities
- Many families cannot currently get services until they are in crisis
- Lack of planning in the state for future needs of developmentally disabled
- Model independent living facilities for developmentally disabled adults
- Importance of people being able to get services in their own communities
- Potential to integrate the work of this task force with other task forces addressing issues related to services for persons with disabilities
- Need to involve person's with disabilities in the planning and implementation processes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1999, the Legislative Assembly directed the Department of Human Services to prepare a plan that offered universal access to community services for people with developmental disabilities (SB 919). On January 14, 2000, a lawsuit was filed against the State of Oregon (*Staley v. Kitzhaber*) by individuals who alleged that the state violated federal Medicaid law and the American Disabilities Act by failing to furnish Medicaid long-term services to otherwise eligible individuals with developmental disabilities with reasonable promptness. The case was settled in December 2000 and the settlement directed the state to increase the number of people with developmental disabilities receiving comprehensive services, which include 24-hour residential services, and support services, which are defined as in-home and personal supports costing up to \$20,000 per year. In addition, the state agreed to provide comprehensive services to all people in crisis. While the state has increased its services to people with developmental disabilities and their families, there are still a significant number of people who cannot access the services they need. SB 766 A would form a work group to evaluate the current comprehensive services system for adults and children with developmental disabilities and develop a comprehensive approach to address the needs of the developmentally disabled population.

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