74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Commerce

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 Rules

SB 858 A

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

> Yeas: Avakian, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows adult foster care home providers the right to collectively bargain with the state on matters concerning labor relations. Prohibits striking,

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fair share fees
- Employer verses employee
- Low provider rate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits the definition of adult foster care home provider to those who receive payment from the state for providing adult foster care home services and provide foster care in their own home or have a controlling interest in the entity that is the provider of foster home services. Clarifies that the State of Oregon is the employer "of record" for purposes of collective bargaining and rewords the preservation of rights for the adult receiving foster care.

BACKGROUND: Adult foster homes provide residential care to five or fewer elderly, physically-disabled, mentally ill or developmentally disabled adults in a home environment. There are currently 2,600 providers in Oregon operating about 3,000 homes. Providers are paid through Medicaid. The Department of Human Services licenses and regulates adult foster homes. SB 858A allows adult foster care providers to collectively bargain with the state. They will be considered public employees only for the purposes of collective bargaining and will not be allowed to strike.