

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2951**

Ordered by the House May 3  
Including House Amendments dated May 3

Sponsored by Representative BOONE

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for senior citizen services and programs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to senior citizens; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act may be cited as the "Older Oregonians Act."**

5 **SECTION 2. During the 2007-2009 biennium, the Department of Human Services shall:**

6 **(1) Provide senior citizens with employment and volunteer opportunities to further en-**  
7 **gage them in their communities;**

8 **(2) Increase outreach to senior citizens to connect senior citizens with the services that**  
9 **are available to them;**

10 **(3) Stabilize and support programs including, but not limited to, the Meals on Wheels**  
11 **Association of America, the National Family Caregiver Support Program, volunteer phone**  
12 **check-in programs, housing services, respite care programs and other elder-friendly pro-**  
13 **grams;**

14 **(4) Enable local support groups to maximize senior citizens' ability to live independently**  
15 **and as part of their communities;**

16 **(5) Expand, to the extent possible, Oregon Project Independence; and**

17 **(6) Work to develop a proposal to present to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly**  
18 **that illustrates why Oregon Project Independence is an integral part of Oregon's long-term**  
19 **care system and that funds the project appropriately.**

20 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**  
21 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for dis-**  
22 **tribution to the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities for imple-**  
23 **menting the duties of the department under section 2 of this 2007 Act.**

24 **SECTION 4. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
26 **July 1, 2007.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.