

House Bill 2951

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 **as introduced**.

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; and**

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

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

20 **SECTION 4. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
22 **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.