

A-Engrossed
House Joint Resolution 51

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Including House Amendments dated April 12

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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.

Recognizes contributions made to communities by persons with developmental disabilities. Recommends using savings in Governor's proposed budget to provide services for persons with developmental disabilities **and coupling any closure of Eastern Oregon Training Center with economic development plan for City of Pendleton.**

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas persons with developmental disabilities are valued members of our community; and

3 Whereas persons with developmental disabilities require assistance to ensure their full partic-
4 ipation in community life; and

5 Whereas services that provide necessary and appropriate assistance to persons with develop-
6 mental disabilities are hindered by inadequate funding; and

7 Whereas there are scarce resources to support children with developmental disabilities who re-
8 main at home with their families; and

9 Whereas 3,495 children with developmental disabilities in Oregon are waiting to receive basic
10 services; and

11 Whereas low reimbursement rates set by both state and federal governments have hampered the
12 ability of community care providers to hire and employ enough care providers; and

13 Whereas the Department of Human Services is revising its rules regarding the placement of
14 persons with developmental disabilities in nursing homes; and

15 Whereas Governor Kulongoski's proposed budget includes the closure of the Eastern Oregon
16 Training Center, which is Oregon's last residential institution for persons with developmental disa-
17 bilities; and

18 Whereas the proposed closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center would have a significant
19 impact upon the economy of the City of Pendleton; now, therefore,

20 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

21 That state funds saved through the closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center, or through
22 the reassignment or closure, as the result of regulatory changes enacted by the Department of Hu-
23 man Services, of other facilities serving persons with developmental disabilities, be dedicated to
24 providing and developing necessary community care for children and adults with developmental
25 disabilities; and be it further

26 Resolved, That any funds in excess of the amount necessary to provide such community care

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1 be retained by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of serving the thousands of
2 Oregonians in need of community-based support services; and be it further

3 Resolved, That any closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center be coupled with an economic
4 development plan for the City of Pendleton, including study of alternate uses for the Eastern Oregon
5 Training Center.

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