

Senate Bill 768

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE; Senators GORDLY, JOHNSON, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, Representatives GILMAN, MAURER, SCHAUFLER, SCOTT (at the request of Governor's Commission on Senior Services)

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**.

Establishes Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board to advise Department of Human Services on needs of family caregivers.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board.

Allows tax credit of up to \$500 for providing family caregiving without compensation.

Applies to tax years beginning January 1, 2007.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to family caregiving; appropriating money; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board, con-**
5 **sisting of nine members appointed by the Governor.**

6 **(2) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure**
7 **of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint**
8 **a successor whose term begins on July 1, next following. A member is eligible for reap-**
9 **pointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to**
10 **become immediately effective for the unexpired term.**

11 **(3) The appointment of the board is subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner**
12 **prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.**

13 **(4) A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS**
14 **292.495.**

15 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 1 of this 2007 Act,**
16 **of the members first appointed to the Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board:**

17 **(1) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2010.**

18 **(2) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2011.**

19 **(3) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2012.**

20 **SECTION 3. (1) The members of the Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board must be**
21 **residents of this state who are well informed on the needs of family caregivers.**

22 **(2) The board shall advise the Department of Human Services on the needs of family**
23 **caregivers in programs administered by the department.**

24 **SECTION 4. (1) The Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board shall select one of its**
25 **members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and**
26 **powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the board deter-**
27 **mines.**

28 **(2) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of**

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.

1 **business.**

2 (3) The board shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour de-
3 termined by the board. The board may also meet at other times and places specified by the
4 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the board.

5 **SECTION 5.** In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Family
6 Caregiver Support Advisory Board may adopt rules necessary for the administration of
7 sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act in accordance with ORS chapter 183.

8 **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated to the Family Caregiver Support Advisory Board, for
9 the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
10 purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act.

11 **SECTION 7.** Section 9 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.

12 **SECTION 8.** Section 9 of this 2007 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January
13 1, 2007.

14 **SECTION 9.** If a resident of Oregon is providing in-home care without compensation to
15 a senior relative or to a relative with disabilities, the resident is entitled to a credit of up to
16 \$500 against taxes due under ORS chapter 316, for the expenses of providing care, including
17 the expenses of training and supplies needed to provide care. The credit allowed under this
18 section may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer and may not be carried forward to
19 a succeeding tax year.

20 **SECTION 10.** Sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act become operative on January 1, 2008.

21 **SECTION 11.** This 2007 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the
22 regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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