

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nolan
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Schrader

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 18 – 0 – 1

House – Yeas: Galizio, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields, P. Smith
– Nays:

– Exc: D. Edwards

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Gordly, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

– Nays:

– Exc:

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Meeting Date: February 20, 2008

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises statutes to avoid unintended prohibition on local governments' ability to deposit funds in custodial banks; establishes the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and the Oregon Disaster Response Fund for the Oregon Military Department; directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to design its reimbursement for Medicaid long-term care community-based services to maintain and enhance access to those services; requires DHS to consider a variety of criteria prior to issuing a license to operate a residential care facility; ends an existing moratorium on building new assisted living facilities on December 31, 2008; establishes the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan Account in the Oregon Military Department; establishes Local Disaster Assistance Review Board (L-DARB) to review and approve Oregon Military Department loans from the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan Account; specifies L-DARB membership; allows Military property sales reports to special sessions; establishes reporting requirements on the University of Oregon arena capital construction project and the status of the University of Oregon Athletic Department budget; establishes the Veterans' Small Business Repair Loan Program and the Veterans' Small Business Repair Loan Fund in the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs; establishes a DHS grant program to improve health care delivery for families; requires DHS to conduct an assessment of community mental health care; repeals sections of the 2007 Session Joint Ways and Means Committee program change bill (SB 994 [2007 Session]) that the Governor attempted to veto by single item veto authority.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of the program change bill
- Details of the specific program changes
- Funding for bill components in SB 5555 and SB 5556

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The introduced bill included program changes approved by the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means through December 2007. The amendment added program changes that were approved by the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means in January 2008, and additional program changes that the Committee approved during the current supplemental session. All elements of the A-engrossed measure, excluding the provisions relating to custodial banks and the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and Oregon Disaster Response Fund were added to the bill by committee amendment.

BACKGROUND: This is the Joint Committee on Ways and Means program change bill. The program change bill is not an appropriation bill and includes no appropriations. Instead, it contains statutory changes necessary to support the legislatively approved budget, clarify the application of statutes, and modify provisions relating to the use of public funds.