

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Human Services to provide or contract for services for developmentally disabled individuals if services are not provided through the local mental health authority.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of Department of Human Services organization and oversight
- Need for flexibility, consistently
- County right of first refusal

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon counties may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities either directly or through subcontractors. If counties decline to provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities, SB 165 allows the Department of Human Services to assume responsibility for providing services for a period of time other than the emergency basis currently designated by statute. Additionally, the measure allows DHS to assume direct responsibility or contract with qualified private providers. SB 165 addresses developmental disabilities services, not other services such as public health or mental health services.