



Center and 98 FTEs for statewide local assistance centers), facilities expenses, AIRS training and certification, equipment, technology and software licensing.

Through the Central Information Centers, contract AIRS Certified Resource Specialists will provide comprehensive counseling, information and referral services on public benefits including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The Center will also be responsible for public education and outreach as well as identifying risk factors and opportunities for prevention and early intervention.

Statewide local assistance centers will provide in-depth direct services, including face-to-face assessments in the office or the client's home. The services will include connecting clients to appropriate resources and services, hands-on assistance and advocacy, and follow-up to assured that problems are identified and resolved. Contract AIRS Certified Resource Specialists will also staff these local assistance centers.

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) serves individuals who are age 60 and older or individuals who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. It provides in-home services to seniors who require assistance with activities of daily living, but who do not qualify for Medicaid or choose not to enter the Medicaid long-term care system. Services are provided at no cost for those with incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Individuals with net incomes between 100% and 200% of FPL are expected to pay a sliding scale fee. Families with income above 200% of FPL are expected to pay the full hourly rate of service provided. Beginning in the 2007-2009 biennium, OPI was positioned to be supported with transfers of excess funds in the Senior Property Tax Deferral Revolving Account. However, recent projections from the Department of Revenue indicate there will be no excess funds to transfer to the OPI Fund until the 2012-13 fiscal year. The \$10.5 million allocated to OPI in this measure will help maintain these services.

The \$2.1 million allocated to Family Care Support will be distributed to Area Agencies on Aging for the support of volunteer caregivers as directed by the federal Older Americans Act (OAA), Title III-E. Title III-E of the OAA ensures that volunteer caregivers of older Americans providing in-home care receive supportive services. Funding will be used to provide caregivers with information and assistance about available services for older Americans. Individual counseling and training to assist caregivers in decision making, respite care to provide temporary relief to caregivers of their responsibilities, and supplemental services to augment the caregiver's activities will also be provided.

The \$1.7 million allocated to Chronic Disease Management & Healthy Living Programs will also be distributed to Area Agencies on Aging and other qualified organizations. \$1.2 million of the funds will be used to support evidence-based chronic disease self-management programs throughout Oregon. \$0.5 million of the funds will be used to support evidence-based programs related to nutrition, physical activity, falls prevention, medication management and other healthy living programs.

The bill directs DHS to appoint a rule advisory committee for the adoption of rules regarding the program. Also, DHS is required to report on the progress in planning and implementing the ADRC program to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly; this reporting requirement sunsets on January 2, 2012. These functions would be absorbed by the Department's existing staff and resources.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of the \$30 million General Fund for the 2009-11 biennium. The bill does not address ongoing funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center program.