

House Bill 2391

Sponsored by Representative COWAN (Presession filed.)

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 Aging and Disability Resource Center program in Department of Human Services. Specifies components of program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to plan and implement program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to services to vulnerable individuals; creating new provisions; amending ORS 410.422; ap-
3 propriating money; and declaring an emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon's population of people 65 years of age or older will double by the year 2030;
5 and

6 Whereas Oregon is a pioneer in developing community-based care options for seniors and people
7 with disabilities; and

8 Whereas Oregon will be severely challenged financially to adequately support the long term
9 care, medical and transportation needs of its rapidly growing population of seniors and people with
10 disabilities; and

11 Whereas Senate Bill 1061, enacted by the 2008 Legislative Assembly, directed the Department
12 of Human Services to develop a comprehensive plan for the future of long term care for seniors and
13 people with disabilities; now, therefore,

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

15 **SECTION 1. (1) The Aging and Disability Resource Center program is established in the**
16 **Department of Human Services. The program shall provide comprehensive information, ed-**
17 **ucation and assistance regarding long term support and services to seniors, people with**
18 **physical disabilities, their volunteer caregivers and individuals approaching retirement. The**
19 **program shall be available statewide and shall be aimed at individuals who are at risk of be-**
20 **coming impoverished and dependent on public assistance. The program consists of three**
21 **components:**

22 **(a) A central information center to provide information and referral on a broad array of**
23 **resources and services including:**

24 **(A) Prevention and early intervention activities;**

25 **(B) Benefits counseling on private and public programs; and**

26 **(C) Public education for seniors and people with physical disabilities to stay healthy, safe**
27 **and independent in their own homes.**

28 **(b) A local assistance center in each planning and service area of Oregon's area agencies**
29 **on aging. The centers shall provide:**

30 **(A) Long term care options counseling;**

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 (B) Access to state-funded long term care and financial assistance programs;

2 (C) Short term case management;

3 (D) Access to emergency and adult protective services; and

4 (E) Public education.

5 (c) Direct services including:

6 (A) In-home services;

7 (B) Caregiver support;

8 (C) Healthy living options counseling, resources and services;

9 (D) Financial planning resources;

10 (E) Volunteer services; and

11 (F) Chronic disease management.

12 (2) The department shall appoint a rules advisory committee under ORS 183.333 for the
13 adoption of rules regarding the program. The committee shall include consumers,
14 stakeholders, advocates for seniors and people with physical disabilities and community
15 partners. The department shall consult and collaborate with the committee in the planning
16 and development of the program.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Human Services shall report on the progress in planning
18 and implementing the Aging and Disability Resource Center program to the appropriate in-
19 terim committees of the Legislative Assembly.

20 **SECTION 3.** ORS 410.422 is amended to read:

21 410.422. (1) The Oregon Project Independence Fund is established in the State Treasury, sepa-
22 rate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Project Independence Fund
23 shall be credited to the Oregon Project Independence Fund. Moneys in the Oregon Project Inde-
24 pendence Fund at the end of a biennium are retained in the Oregon Project Independence Fund and
25 do not revert to the General Fund.

26 (2) The Oregon Project Independence Fund consists of moneys appropriated to the fund by the
27 Legislative Assembly, interest earned by the fund, moneys contributed to the fund by donors and
28 moneys transferred to the fund under ORS 311.701.

29 (3) Moneys in the Oregon Project Independence Fund are continuously appropriated to the De-
30 partment of Human Services for the purpose of funding Oregon Project Independence as provided
31 in ORS 410.410 to 410.480 and the Aging and Disability Resource Center program established
32 in section 1 of this 2009 Act.

33 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
34 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$30 million to be
35 deposited in the Oregon Project Independence Fund established under ORS 410.422 for the
36 purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this 2009 Act to be allocated as
37 follows:

38 (1) \$3.9 million for the central information center;

39 (2) \$11.8 million for the staffing of the local assistance centers;

40 (3) \$10.5 million to expand the direct services provided in Oregon Project Independence
41 under ORS 410.420 and to provide financial planning resources and volunteer services;

42 (4) \$2.1 million to expand family caregiver support; and

43 (5) \$1.7 million to establish programs for chronic disease management and healthy living
44 options counseling, resources and services.

45 **SECTION 5.** Section 2 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.

1 **SECTION 6. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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