

House Bill 2878

Sponsored by Representative COWAN (at the request of Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities)

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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to provide, through area agencies, emergency services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who lose home- and community-based services due to reductions in funding. Requires department to study impact on individuals of reductions in funding and report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly.

Sunset January 2, 2012.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reductions in funding of health services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a plan**
5 **for providing emergency services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who receive**
6 **home- and community-based services through the Oregon Health Plan or Oregon Project**
7 **Independence during the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and who lose those services due**
8 **to reductions in funding during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009.**

9 (2) The emergency services provided under this section shall be coordinated by area
10 agencies.

11 (3) The department shall maintain records on individuals receiving home- and
12 community-based services during the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and whose services
13 are terminated or reduced due to reductions in the legislatively adopted budget for the
14 biennium beginning July 1, 2009. The department shall study the impact of the termination
15 or reduction in services on such individuals, including the following:

16 (a) Adequacy of care received.

17 (b) Changes in the individuals' level of impairment or service priority level classification.

18 (c) Admissions of the individuals to skilled nursing facilities or intermediate care facili-
19 ties.

20 (4) The department shall report to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislative
21 Assembly no later than November 1, 2010, on the provision of emergency services under
22 subsection (1) of this section and on the findings of the study described in subsection (3) of
23 this section. The report shall include recommendations for the restoration of funding of
24 home- and community-based services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011.

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.**
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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.