

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 551

Ordered by the Senate May 4
Including Senate Amendments dated May 4

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE

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.

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*] **specified** 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.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2009, for purpose of providing emergency services.

Sunsets January 2, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reductions in funding of health services; appropriating money; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a plan**
6 **for providing emergency services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who receive**
7 **services through the department during the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and who lose**
8 **services due to reductions in funding during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009. This sub-**
9 **section applies to:**

10 (a) **Residents of long term care facilities as defined in ORS 442.015.**

11 (b) **Residents of residential care facilities as defined in ORS 443.400.**

12 (c) **Individuals who receive home- and community-based services.**

13 (2) **The emergency services provided under this section shall be coordinated by area**
14 **agencies.**

15 (3) **The department shall maintain records on individuals described in subsection (1) of**
16 **this section in order to create a study, in collaboration with area agencies, of the impact of**
17 **the termination or reduction in services on such individuals. The department shall contract**
18 **with a private entity or individual to conduct the study, which must include findings on all**
19 **of the following:**

20 (a) **Adequacy of care received.**

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

22 (c) **Admissions of the individuals to skilled nursing facilities or intermediate care facili-**
23 **ties.**

24 (4) **The department shall report to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislative**
25 **Assembly no later than November 1, 2010, on the provision of emergency services under**

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 subsection (1) of this section and on the findings of the study described in subsection (3) of
2 this section. The report shall include recommendations for the restoration of funding of long
3 term care facilities, residential care facilities and home- and community-based services.

4 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
6 purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2009 Act.

7 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.

8 **SECTION 4.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
9 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
10 on its passage.

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