

# Senate Bill 551

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 **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.

Sunsets January 2, 2012.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
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.