

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands the definition of “person with a disability” for individuals who are served by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of statute as administrative planning section
- Potential for unintended consequences
- Definition of “major life activities”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The statutory definition of “person with a disability” describes the universe of individuals for whom DHS may provide planning and coordination of programs and services. The current definition of “person with a disability” was placed in statute in 1981. Since that time, DHS’ programs and people served have changed. For example, the current definition of “person with a disability” includes a person who is eligible for General Assistance. However, funding for General Assistance was eliminated in 2005.

House Bill 2057 updates the definition of “person with a disability” to accurately reflect those individuals currently served by DHS. The bill also aligns the definition with the general statutory definition found in ORS 174.107.