

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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<b>Yeas:</b>	Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Weidner, Gilliam, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides services through Oregon Project Independence (OPI), including in-home and community-based home care supportive services, health promotion services, information on immediate and long range options counseling and transportation service options. Specifies process and criteria for expending appropriated funds.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Cost savings to state by utilizing OPI program
- OPI one piece of comprehensive system
- Measure intent to update and redefine OPI program
- Asset test built into measure
- OPI currently serves about 2,000 individuals statewide
- Necessity of transportation and access to services Federal mandates regarding transportation services
- Eugene transportation service availability, service types , ridership cost and fare reduction program
- Need for sustainable system and ways to create revenue stream to support various program options
- Support of evidence-based health promotion programs in communities
- Promote independence for aging citizens resulting in reduced long-term costs
- Feasibility of buy-in insurance conjunctively with private, pre-paid insurance
- OPI does not pay for health insurance

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Restores definition of “authorized agency”. Restores eligibility determination being required prior to client receiving services from an authorized agency or service provider. Deletes permissive language for expending funds appropriated for OPI. Removes language that allows funds to be expended for home care supportive services including in-home or community-based services that assist an individual in achieving the greatest degree of independent functioning in the individual’s home.

**BACKGROUND:** OPI serves individuals who are age 60 and older or individuals who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder. OPI provides in-home services to seniors who require the same level of care as people in nursing homes, but who typically do not qualify for Medicaid long-term care services except Food Stamps, Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or Supplemental Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program benefits. Individuals with net incomes between 100 and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are expected to pay toward their service based on a sliding fee schedule. Families with income above 200 percent of FPL are expected to pay the full hourly rate of services provided. Allowable services include personal care, homemaker/home care services, chore services, assisted transportation, adult day care, respite, case management, registered nursing services and home delivered meals.

In 1975, House Bill 2163 was passed directing the Department of Human Services to develop and place in effect a program of supportive services to persons age 60 or older and required a fee for service based on the ability to pay. At that time, there were no other in-home services available other than Medicaid; however, a number of people were not Medicaid eligible and fell through the cracks, which predicated the OPI program.

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