

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that services provided through Oregon Project Independence (OPI) include in-home and community-based home care supportive services, health promotion services, information on immediate and long range options counseling and transportation service options.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose and benefits of OPI
- Population served

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 1975, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2163, directing the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop a program of supportive services to persons age 60 or older and required a fee for services provided based on the ability to pay. At that time, in-home supportive services were not available for persons outside the Medicaid system. OPI promotes independent living and attempts to prevent premature institutionalization of seniors.

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 other than 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.

House Bill 3037-A specifies the services to be offered through the OPI program.