

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2856**

Ordered by the House March 18  
Including House Amendments dated March 18

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representative DEMBROW (Presession filed.)

**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 [*collaborate*] **coordinate** with other state agencies and local governments to [*establish pilot program to streamline reporting and audit requirements for human services providers*] **find ways to reduce administrative and resource burdens on human services providers.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to regulatory requirements for human services providers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "human services provider" means a person that**  
5 **receives reimbursement from the Department of Human Services for providing services to**  
6 **clients of the department and that:**

7 (a) **The department is authorized to require to undergo financial reporting such as an**  
8 **audit; or**

9 (b) **Is required to report information to the department in a form or manner prescribed**  
10 **by the department.**

11 (2) **The department shall coordinate with other state agencies and local governments to**  
12 **find ways to reduce administrative and resource burdens on human services providers, in-**  
13 **cluding, but not limited to, implementing:**

14 (a) **Uniform processes for financial, compliance and other types of audits for human**  
15 **services providers that include protocols for periodic abbreviated audits and less frequent full**  
16 **audits;**

17 (b) **Uniform reporting forms for human services providers to report required information**  
18 **to all state and local entities that regulate the providers; and**

19 (c) **A process through which the department, state agencies and local governments share**  
20 **information that is reported to any of them by human services providers in order to avoid**  
21 **the imposition of duplicative reporting requirements on the providers.**

22 (3) **The department shall evaluate the success of the processes and forms implemented**  
23 **under subsection (2) of this section in reducing the administrative and resource burdens on**  
24 **human services providers and shall report the results of the evaluation to the Seventy-**  
25 **seventh Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.**

26 (4) **The department shall appoint a work group that shall use a continuous improvement**

**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 or similar process to review state reporting requirements that duplicate or exceed federal  
2 requirements, to identify state reporting requirements that are unnecessary and do not  
3 produce additional valuable information and to recommend to the department changes to the  
4 department's administrative rules or to the Legislative Assembly changes to statutes to  
5 eliminate the duplicate or unnecessary requirements.

6 (5) The department may implement any of the changes to administrative rules that are  
7 authorized by state or federal law that are recommended by the work group under subsection  
8 (4) of this section.

9 SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect  
11 on its passage.

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