

House Bill 2856

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to collaborate with other state agencies and local governments to establish pilot program to streamline reporting and audit requirements for human services providers.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
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 collaborate with other state agencies and local governments to**
12 **establish a pilot program in one or more geographic regions of this state to develop:**

13 (a) **A uniform audit process for human services providers that includes protocols for pe-**
14 **riodic abbreviated audits and less frequent full audits; and**

15 (b) **Uniform reporting forms for human services providers to report required information**
16 **to all state and local entities that regulate the providers.**

17 (3) **The department shall evaluate the success of the pilot program in reducing the ad-**
18 **ministrative and resource burden on human services providers, state agencies and local**
19 **governments and shall report the results of the evaluation to the Seventy-seventh Legislative**
20 **Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.**

21 (4) **The department shall appoint a work group to review state reporting requirements**
22 **that duplicate or exceed federal requirements, to identify state reporting requirements that**
23 **are unnecessary and do not produce additional valuable information and to recommend to**
24 **the department changes to the department's administrative rules or to the Legislative As-**
25 **sembly changes to statutes to eliminate the duplicate or unnecessary requirements.**

26 (5) **This section does not preclude the department from implementing any successful**
27 **procedure developed under subsection (2) of this section outside of the pilot program.**

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

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.

