

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Steiner Hayward
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Meeting Dates:	3/14, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Human Services or department's designee present adult with developmental disabilities receiving comprehensive care through the state with at least three placement setting options and conditions of placement. Provides definitions. Specifies exemptions to placement options. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Package of bills addressing Oregon's developmental disabilities program
- Importance of individual self-determination
- Importance for case managers to provide all options
- The need for equal choices and opportunities for developmentally disabled adults
- Concerns about individuals and families in rural Oregon
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs Department of Human Services or department's designee to present an adult with developmental disabilities with at least three placement setting options and conditions of placement. Provides definitions. Specifies exemptions to placement options.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregonians with developmental disabilities who are placed in comprehensive care have limited choices for where they live or receive services. Proponents assert that generally the decision is influenced by the case manager. Additionally, individuals that receive services are often given preference for job placement over eligible, qualified individuals that don't live in that particular group home.

Senate Bill 559-A requires Department of Human Services to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to select from three placement options; and ensure that they have equal opportunity for job placements.