77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 640 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Health Care & Human Services

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 (DHS) or designee to assess support needs for all adults with developmental disabilities. Establishes 90 day period for DHS to respond to assessment request. Directs DHS adopt rules, procedures and criteria for requesting and conducting support assessment, denying request for assessment, or DHS's failure to respond to request. Defines service provider and service rate. Operative on March 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current assessment cycles
- Importance of reassessment and funding levels
- Ability to request reassessment before scheduled period
- Current process for rate setting methodologies
- Different rate settings for different residential services
- Concerns with developing plan tying provider reimbursement rates with individual's service plan
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, adults with developmental disabilities in comprehensive care are assessed once every five years to determine the funding that their service providers will receive. If an individual's needs change within the five years, it is difficult to receive a reassessment of service needs for appropriate funding. At times, service providers are forced to file an exit notice to force the county to reassess the service funding.

Senate Bill 640-A requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules to provide a service assessment process and to develop a complaint process for client grievances.