

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 559 - A**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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**Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to provide adults with developmental disabilities needing comprehensive services the opportunity to choose from at least three options for placement prior to initial placement or transfer, subject to exceptions. Also requires equal access to job placements for all adults for all adults with developmental disabilities receiving comprehensive services.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

Senate Bill 559 A-Engrossed requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide an adult with developmental disabilities who is eligible to receive comprehensive services with at least three appropriate placement setting options, including at least two different types of residential settings before making an initial placement or transferring the adult from one placement setting to another. The bill also directs DHS to ensure that all individuals with developmental disabilities have equal access to employment opportunities regardless of where they live. As amended, the bill's requirements are generally consistent with the agency's current practices.

The A-Engrossed bill allows certain exceptions to the three placement option requirements. With this change, the Department of Human Services reports that the agency can implement the provisions of this bill with existing staff and resources. The bill specifies that DHS is not required to provide three placement options if: (1) the placement options are not available with the geographic area where the adult wishes to reside; (2) if the adult selects a placement setting option and waives the right to be presented with three options; and (3) if the adult is at imminent risk to health or safety in the current placement setting. This minimal fiscal determination also assumes that the agency is not required to create a tracking and reporting system to monitor and document the expectations of the bill on an event by event basis.