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Measure: SB 640 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to assess support needs of each adult with developmental disability who is receiving comprehensive services, and to provide pay service rate to service provider that is sufficient to meet assessed support needs. Sets rate change notice requirements and timeline for conducting assessments triggered by significant changes in support needs.

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 640 A-Engrossed requires the Department of Human Services to: (1) assess the support needs for each adult with a developmental disability who is receiving comprehensive services that include 24-hour residential care; and (2) determine a service rate that is sufficient to meet the support needs of the adult. If there is a change to the service rate being paid to the service provider, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to provide to the adult receiving comprehensive services and the service provider and, if appropriate, the adult's service coordinator, guardian, primary caregiver or family members, with a detailed accounting of the service rate paid and the factors and weighting of factors used to determine the service rate. DHS must perform this assessment within 90 days of receiving a request for assessment. The bill directs DHS to use an advisory committee to adopt rules and procedures for requesting an assessment and determination of service rate.

While passage of this bill could result in an increase in the number of assessments completed by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS), the bill's requirements align with current ODDS guidelines and practices. DHS reports that the agency will use existing ODDS staff and resources to conduct these assessments, and to provide information on the rate setting to various parties. In addition, the bill's March 1, 2014 operative date should provide adequate time for implementing associated rule or policy manual changes.

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