

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Buckley
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Devlin

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 23 – 3 – 0

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read,
Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 12, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies Department of Human Services or department's designee shall present an adult 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:

- Need for choice in living arrangements and employment
- System should not be driven by crisis
- Concern whether or not statutory changes will help improve agency performance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 case manager influences the decision. Additionally, individuals that receive services are often given preference for job placement over eligible, qualified individuals that do not 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.