

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	3 - 1 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	Kruse
<b>Exc.:</b>	Knopp
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/10, 2/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows private payers to hire home care workers through registry maintained by Oregon Home Care Commission. Requires Commission to establish payment rates for private payers based on costs to Commission and to establish classification system for home care workers. Requires Commission to establish and administer a program to allow private individuals to purchase home care services from the Commission through the home care registry. Specifies the program be implemented by July 1, 2015 and operational by January 1, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance for individuals with disabilities to have choices
- Role of Oregon Home Care Commission
- Different skill levels require different income levels
- Impact on rural communities
- Section-by-section review of proposed amendment
- Consumer is the employer hiring the worker

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires Oregon Home Care Commission to establish and administer a program to allow private individuals to purchase home care services from the Commission through the home care registry. Specifies the program be implemented by July 1, 2015 and operational by January 1, 2016.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2000, the citizens of Oregon voted to amend the State Constitution to create the Oregon Home Care Commission. The Commission is responsible for ensuring the quality of home care services that are funded by the Department of Human Services for seniors and people with disabilities. Additionally, the Commission is responsible for addressing the needs of persons with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, their family members, and personal support workers. The Commission facilitates filing workers' compensation claims for both home care workers and personal support workers.

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