

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/10, 3/17, 3/31

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority reinstate home and community-based services for eligible children temporarily removed from state due to parent’s military service, as specified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Use of model language
- Benefits determinations generally
- Maintaining eligibility for federal matching funds
- Possibility of clarifying amendments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*[amendment possible]*

**BACKGROUND:** Medicaid eligibility is maintained by each state for its residents. Military families with special needs dependents can experience lengthy wait times when transitioning out of the military. If military families were permitted to use their state of legal residence to register a special needs dependent for a Medicaid waiver, they might maintain progress made in establishing eligibility, and thereby reduce or eliminate delays in receiving or reinstating services, so long as they maintain their residency uninterrupted, and return to the state upon separation from service.

Senate Bill 97 enables servicemembers’ dependents to maintain their place in line as Medicaid eligibility determinations are made, or to retain eligibility already established, for home and community-based services, even if military service removes them temporarily from the state.