MEASURE: SB 659

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact (-1)
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued (-1)
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None
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Action:		
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Meeting Dates:	4/7, 4/9, 4/14	

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands assistance for home and community-based care administered by Oregon Health Authority to include minor children living in-state with a resident parent at least six weeks each year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Simplicity of idea, but difficulty with practical nuts and bolts of implementation
- Strictness of federal programs and eligibility requirements
- Whether amendment would adequately address difficulties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Replaces content of measure. Requires DHS compile and maintain lists of local service providers for community residents. Directs DHS to assist in situations where a child qualifies for home and community-based assistance in their state of residence, and is with a parent who resides in Oregon at least six weeks of each year, by sharing list of community providers, contacting Medicaid in child's state of residence, and providing documentation. [-2 amendment] Identical to -1 except for citation to 42 USC 1396n(c), in addition to 42 US 1396n(k).

BACKGROUND: