Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 659 A
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Gallegos

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact **Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

 Action Date:
 05/18/15

 Action:
 Do Pass.

 Meeting Dates:
 05/06, 05/18

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist families with a child who qualifies for home and community-based assistance in child's state of residence, who spends at least six weeks each year with parent who resides in Oregon, by sharing lists of community providers, contacting Medicaid in the child's state of residence, and providing documentation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Continuity of services for children with disability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Children who are eligible for home and community-based care via Medicaid, establish eligibility and apply for services in their state of residence. Services can be difficult to maintain, without interruption, for children who spend time with a parent that resides in a different state.

Senate Bill 659-A requires the Department of Human Services to assist in such situations, to facilitate continuity of services for qualifying children.