

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/10/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/08, 02/10

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Keny-Guyer, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

Nays: 2 - Hayden, Parrish

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Alzheimer Care Units. Specifies Task Force membership and rules. Requires Task Force to study the licensing and regulation of Alzheimer's care units and report to specified Legislative Committees by September 15, 2016. Sunsets Task Force December 31st, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Care levels necessary in Alzheimer care units
- Wage levels paid to staff in memory care units
- Department of Human Services enforcement and inspection policies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Memory care is a distinct form of long-term skilled nursing that specifically caters to patients with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other types of memory problems. In Oregon today, there are 184 memory care providers.

House Bill 4083 A establishes a task force for the purpose of studying the licensing and regulation of Alzheimer's care units and providing recommendations for legislation to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to human services by September 15, 2016.