

SB 1058 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands scope of Department of Human Services (DHS) investigations of abuse of certain adults with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, or substance abuse disorders.

FISCAL: Minimal Expenditure Impact

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires reporting of abuse of adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to investigate those allegations. As currently defined, "abuse" includes several actions that only trigger a DHS investigation when committed against a person with a developmental disability. Those developmental disability-specific abuse types include abandonment, verbal abuse, financial exploitation, involuntary seclusion, and wrongful use of chemical or physical restraint.

Senate Bill 1058 expands the scope of investigations for abuse against certain disabled adults. It requires DHS to investigate abuse allegations for: adults with developmental disabilities receiving services; adults receiving mental health services from state hospitals, community programs, or a "facility;" and adults with a substance abuse disorder receiving services from a facility.