

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3359 - 1

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Measure Description:

Creates Dementia Community Assistance Program in Department of Human Services to provide grants to community organizations providing assistance and training to individuals who care for persons with dementia who live at home.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Medical Board (OMB), Oregon Patient Safety Commission [Semi-Independent Agency],

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 3359 with the -1 amendment establishes a Residential Care Quality Measurement Program within the Department of Human Services (DHS), and creates a Quality Measurement Council to advise the department regarding the operation of this Program. The bill:

- Directs DHS to publish a report regarding various aspects of residential care facilities to improve performance of such facilities.
- Establish a process for DHS to license a conversion facility, so that an older nursing home can convert to a community-based care facility.
- Outlines a framework for assessing the compliance of residential care facilities to enhance regulatory oversight.
- Directs DHS to update its acuity-based staffing tool.
- Requires caregivers in adult foster homes, as well as direct care staff employed by a residential care facility to complete training in dementia care, and requires DHS to administer competency tests to staff.
- Allows DHS to revoke or suspend the license of a residential care facility licensed by the department. The residential care facility is entitled to a contested case hearing to appeal an order of immediate suspension.
- Requires residential care facilities to dispense prescription drugs in a manner that reduces errors.
- Requires disclosures for binding arbitration clauses in residential care facility and long term care facility contracts.
- Modifies statutes that require certain facilities that provide care for residents with Alzheimer's or dementia to obtain a memory care endorsement.
- Makes changes to statutes relating the evacuation of residents of adult foster homes.
- Directs the Oregon Medical Board to encourage physicians to obtain continuing education in the detection and early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Judicial Department, the Oregon Medical Board, and the Oregon Patient Safety Commission. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required