

HJM 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to pass RAISE Family Caregivers Act and recognizes contribution of family caregivers.

FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of federal RAISE Family Caregiver Act bill
- Family caregiving as a part of modern provision of health services
- Increasing awareness of respite care options for family caregivers
- Current family caregiving respite programs in Oregon
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, roughly 40 million family caregivers in the United States provided unpaid care valued at about \$470 billion to adults who needed help with daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication management and transportation (AARP Bulletin, September 2015). According to AARP, there are around 470,000 family caregivers in Oregon alone, providing unpaid care valued at around \$5.7 billion. The Oregon Caregiver Respite Work Group formed in May 2016 to address growing concerns relating to the stresses on family caregivers and to acknowledge that there are ways to improve access to, and effective use of, respite.

House Joint Memorial 4 urges Congress to enact the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act, which requires the development of a strategy that would identify specific actions that government, communities, providers, employers and others can take to recognize and support family caregivers.