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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Subject: SB 397 Relating to sharing of information between social services providers
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 397 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to convene and provide support to a work group to create a standard client confidentiality release form to be used by entities that provide social services (healthcare, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, education services, juvenile justice services, adult correctional services, employment services, human services) to allow for appropriate sharing of confidential information. The bill Directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review state laws and identify statutes that could be modified to better facilitate communications among entities that provide social services. DOJ is required to submit any legislative proposals for these modifications to the 2019 Legislative Assembly. In addition, DOJ must develop and maintain a guide setting forth the applicable laws according to discipline, including but not limited to the release of information by child welfare agencies, law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, schools, mental health treatment providers, health care providers, substance abuse treatment providers and human services providers. This guide must be available on the DOJ website by December 31, 2018 and must be updated annually. DOJ must also make efforts to notify affected entities of the availability of the guide by January 1, 2019

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services on 2/8/2017 and 2/13/2017; and before this Subcommittee on June 6, 2017.

The bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on OHA, DHS and DOJ, as well as the Department of Education, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), the Department of Corrections, the Employment Department, and the Oregon State Police (OSP) will serve on the workgroup. These agencies will reprioritize the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to do the work required to comply with the provisions of this bill.

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move SB 397 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____