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Measure Description:

Declaring legislative intent that when the Legislative Assembly approves increases in funding of services provided by residential training facilities or residential training homes, wages and health benefits paid to direct support professionals in the residential training facilities or residential training homes be increased at a comparable rate.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Training	128,250	171,000
Total Other Funds	\$128,250	\$171,000

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Foster Home Certification Fee Increase	128,250	171,000
Total Other Funds	\$128,250	\$171,000

Analysis:

House Bill 2684 with the -3 amendment updates terminology related to intellectual and developmental disabilities. The bill requires residential training facilities and residential training homes licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit annual staffing data to a nationally standardized reporting survey or organization specified by DHS. The bill directs DHS to obtain state-specific data from the nationally standardized reporting survey organization, disaggregated by provider. DHS reports that because providers are committed to make National Core Indicators (NCI) reporting mandatory, and many providers already participate in the NCI staffing survey, this provision of the bill is not anticipated to increase workload. The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) in DHS researched the cost for NCI to provide an Oregon-specific report that breaks the information out by provider. The increased cost is nominal and will be covered by ODDS with existing funds. The report will be produced by NCI and there is no additional workload expected for ODDS.

In addition, the bill increases the rate of the foster home certification from \$20 to \$50 per bed. DHS estimates that this increase will result in an additional \$128,250 Other Funds for the 2017-19 biennium and \$171,000 for the 2019-21 biennium. This revenue increase will go to the Quality Care Fund to be used for training and quality assurance improvement activities. An informal workgroup of legislators, provider organizations, SEIU, and ODDS leadership agreed to use this additional funding to pay for statewide, online training for direct support professionals using curriculum that ties to a nationally recognized credentialing program.