

HB 2684 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The bill requires that rate increases for residential training homes and residential training facilities result in comparable wage increases for direct support professionals, increases annual licensing fees from \$20 to \$50, mandates the submission of a staffing survey to the Department of Humans Services, and updates definitions to eliminate the outdated term "mental retardation".

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Merits of the bill
- Collaborative work on amendment
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the bill. Requires that rate increases to residential training homes and residential training facilities result in a comparable wage increase for direct support professionals, increases annual licensing fees from \$20 to \$50, mandates the submission of a staffing survey to the Department of Humans Services, and updates definitions to eliminate the outdated term "mental retardation".

BACKGROUND:

Department of Human Services reported in June 2014 that over 2,000 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon were receiving 24-hour residential services and over 100 children with intellectual and developmental disabilities were in residential programs. The bill is an effort to address legislative concerns about employee wages, staffing needs, appropriate response to abuse, and operations in these residential training homes and residential training facilities.