

HJM 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Keny-Guyer

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/03/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Malstrom, Nosse

Exc: 2 - Buehler, Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to pass RAISE Family Caregivers Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Caregiver Respite Work Group Report and recommendations
- Role of family caregivers and unpaid care
- The need for respite care for family members
- Different forms of respite services

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*). 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.