

HB 2684 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/18/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Noble, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark

Nays: 2 - Nearman, Olson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes minimum hourly wage rate of \$15 per hour for employees who provide direct care to residents of residential training facilities or residential training home. Allows Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules implementing minimum hourly wage rate. Requires residential training facility or residential training home to submit annual financial statement to DHS no later than October 31st of each year. Establishes civil penalty for each occurrence of substantiated abuse resulting in death, serious injury, rape, or sexual abuse of resident. Authorizes private action against residential training facility or residential training home for retaliation against person reporting abuse. Requires Director of DHS to establish rules requiring residential training facility or residential training home to employ staff sufficient for individual resident needs. Directs DHS to conduct annual inspections of every residential training facility and residential training home to determine compliance of maintenance and operation with Oregon law. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of group home providers
- Delivery of direct care services
- Funding of direct care services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Department of Human Services reported in June 2014 over 2,000 adults with developmental disabilities in Oregon were receiving 24-hour residential services and over 100 children with developmental disabilities were in residential programs.

House Bill 2684 establishes minimum hourly wage rate of \$15 per hour for employees who provide direct care to residents of residential training facilities or residential training home. The measure allows Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules implementing minimum hourly wage rate.

House Bill 2684 also requires a residential training facility or residential training home to submit annual financial statement to DHS no later than October 31st. The measure establishes a civil penalty for each occurrence of substantiated abuse resulting in death, serious injury, rape, or sexual abuse of resident and authorizes private action against residential training facility or residential training home for retaliation against person reporting abuse. The Director of DHS is directed to establish rules requiring residential training facility or residential training home to employ staff sufficient to meet the individual resident needs. Finally, the measure directs DHS to conduct annual inspections of every residential training facility and residential training home to determine compliance of maintenance and operation with Oregon law.