

HJM 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson,
Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/24/17
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
Exc: 1 - Knopp
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to pass RAISE Family Caregivers Act and recognizes contributions of family caregivers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of federal RAISE Family Caregiver Act bill
- Integration of family caregiving into modern provision of health services
- Increasing awareness of respite care options for family caregivers
- Current family caregiving respite programs in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to AARP Oregon, roughly 40 million family caregivers in the United States in 2013 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. There are around 470,000 family caregivers in Oregon alone, providing unpaid care valued at around \$5.7 billion. AARP Oregon organized a work group in May 2016 to address growing concerns about stress on family caregivers and to acknowledge ways to improve access and effective use of respite care.

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.