

HB 2393 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/08/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services' case manager to share all relevant information with decision-makers upon notice that a client may have life-sustaining procedures withheld or withdrawn.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of case managers in relation to medical providers concerning disabled client's medical decisions
- Assumptions made about people with disabilities receiving medical care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law governs life-sustaining procedures and the steps necessary to determine who may decide whether to cease life-sustaining efforts on behalf of an incapable adult. Once a responsible decision-maker is determined, a physician may proceed only after the Department of Human Services' case manager is notified. It is currently unclear what, if anything, is expected of case managers in these situations.

House Bill 2393 clarifies case managers' duties and assures that authorized end-of-life decision-makers for incapable individuals with case managers have access to relevant information. It requires case managers receiving notice that life-sustaining procedures may be ended to inform the person giving notice of their client's values, beliefs, and preferences regarding end-of-life decisions.