

HB 2908 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the division of the Department of Human Services (DHS) that administers Oregon Project Independence (OPI) to collaborate with area agencies to study the feasibility of expanding OPI statewide. Requires that study include projected case numbers, a projected timeline for expansion, and division resource needs. Requires DHS to report to interim committees related to human services no later than September 15, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) provides preventive in-home services and supports to a diverse population of eligible individuals, to reduce the risk of more costly, out-of-home placement and to promote self-determination and aging-in-place. This program benefits consumers who need long-term services and supports and are not Medicaid recipients. OPI serves individuals who are 60 years or older, and individuals of any age with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. A 2014 pilot program added individuals with disabilities, ages 19 through 59, who live in specific counties (Benton, Clatsop, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Washington, and Yamhill).

House Bill 2908 requires the Department of Human Services to collaborate with area agencies to study, and report to the Legislative Assembly on, the feasibility of expanding Oregon Project Independence statewide.