

SB 669 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits individual licensed to manage or operate an in-home care agency from providing services outside the scope of those authorized by license classification. Requires annual inspections of in-home care agencies to include examination of records, observations, and interviews with clients and caregivers. Allows Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require specified information for issuance or renewal of in-home care license and provides for probationary license up to 90 days. Prohibits caregiver registries, home health agencies, and in-home care agencies from retaliation against a caregiver who reports a violation. Expands rules required of OHA administration of in-home care agencies to ensure each agency has liquid reserves equal to at least two months' operating expenses, and each caregiver receives required training and is compliant as specified. Allows hospitals to provide personal care services without maintaining an in-home care agency license if licensing requirements are met. Requires specified caregivers providing personal care services complete specified training unless authorized by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. Defines "in-home caregiver," "personal care services," "private agency caregiver," and "retaliation."

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Best practices and standards for training for in-home caregivers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Expands rules required of OHA administration of in-home care agencies to ensure each caregiver receives training approved by Department of Human Services (DHS). Removes introduced language requiring private agency caregivers complete specified training provided by DHS. Requires specified caregivers providing personal care services complete training approved by DHS unless caregiver is licensed or certified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. Allows OHA adopt rules requiring individuals placed on rosters by caregiver registries to complete training approved by DHS. Directs OHA adopt rules requiring personnel complete training approved by DHS. Requires OHA and DHS adopt rules integrating DHS approved training for unregulated staff of health care facilities and long term care facilities.

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FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND:

An in-home care agency provides services necessary to assist an individual in meeting their daily needs in their residence. In-home care agencies must obtain a license from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) prior to providing in-home care services and licenses must be renewed annually. As part of the licensing and renewal process, OHA is required to conduct on-site inspections of each in-home care agency once every three years.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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Senate Bill 669 prohibits individuals licensed to manage or operate in-home care agencies from providing services outside the scope of the services authorized by the classification of the license. The measure requires in-home inspections of in-home care agencies to be conducted annually and include inspections of records and interviews and observations with clients and caregivers. Senate Bill 669 also allows OHA to require specified materials or documentation for issuing or renewing in-home care licenses and allows OHA to issue probationary licenses for in-home care agencies for up to 90 days.