

SB 1035 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA), with Department of Human Services (DHS) and advisory committee, to design program for providing specified limited benefit package to defined care recipients and apply for Medicare and Medicaid approval by March 31, 2020. Requires DHS to convene advisory committee to make recommendations on program design, benefits package, and application for federal approval. Specifies composition of advisory committee. Requires DHS report to Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The most cost-effective, often the best choice, and usually the preference of many people in need of care or assistance, is for them to remain in-home if possible, for as long as possible.

Senate Bill 1035 requires OHA, in collaboration with DHS and an advisory committee convened by DHS, to design a limited benefits package for low-income individuals age 55 or older with a chronic illness or disabling condition who receive in-home care from an unpaid family member or other volunteer. The benefits package must include a monthly stipend of up to \$500 and may provide a variety of combined services as appropriate to maintain the recipient's current level of care in-home. The measure also requires application for approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to secure federal financial participation in the cost of the package, by March 31, 2020, and a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2020.