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Measure: SB 1035 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services to design program for providing limited benefit package of financial assistance, services and supports to individuals who receive care from family members, friends or neighbors who are not compensated for providing care.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 1035 with the -1 amendment directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the advisory committee established by this measure, to design a program for a limited benefit package to be provided to eligible care recipients. The benefit package must include: (1) up to \$500 per month in supports or services such as care coordination, respite care, durable medical equipment, or training and education for unpaid caregivers; and (2) other supports and services necessary to preserve and enhance the quality of life of care recipients and to prevent or delay their need for costlier institutional or in-home and community-based care. OHA must apply for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval by June 30, 2020 and report to the Legislature by December 31, 2020 regarding the status of the application and any legislative changes necessary to implement this benefit program. In addition, the measure requires DHS to convene an advisory committee to study and make recommendations to DHS and OHA on the design of the program, the limited benefit package, and the application for federal approval. These provisions sunset on July 1, 2021.

OHA and DHS will use existing staff and resources to convene an advisory committee and design the required benefit program. Once the program is designed and CMS approval is obtained, OHA and DHS will return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board to request funding to implement the benefit program.