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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 17, 2019

Subject: SB 669 – Relating to assistance with activities of daily living provided to

individuals in their own homes

Senate Bill 669 makes changes to the licensing, inspection, and regulation of in-home care agencies, which provide services to assist individuals with daily needs and are regulated by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The recommended -8 amendment replaces the measure and makes changes to multiple provisions while removing others.

With the -8 amendment, the bill directs OHA to establish training requirements for certain individuals who provide in-home care services and authorizes the agency to impose a civil penalty and deny licensure of an in-home care agency for failure to comply with the training requirements or employment and wage laws. The measure also accelerates OHA's on-site inspection cycle of in-home care agencies from once every three years to once every two years. These provisions become operative January 1, 2021.

Additionally, the measure requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop recommendations for methods to assess and monitor home care services provided by home care workers. These recommendations may include on-site electronic monitoring and assessment of home care workers. DHS must report its recommendations to the Legislature by February 1, 2021.

The overall estimated fiscal impact with the -8 amendment is \$524,587 General Fund, \$125,000 Federal Funds, and four positions (1.64 FTE) in 2019-21. For OHA, this includes \$399,587 General Fund to support additional staff needed for the accelerated on-site inspection schedule and increased scope of work for licensure and re-licensure of in-home care agencies. The remaining \$125,000 General Fund and \$125,000 Federal Funds represent DHS's costs for contracting with a vendor to develop recommendations for assessing and monitoring services provided by home care workers.

The -9 amendment establishes the General Fund appropriations and Federal Funds expenditure limitation in OHA and DHS consistent with the fiscal impact.

Recommended Amendments

LFO recommends adoption of the -8 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -8 amendment to SB 669 (VOTE)

LFO recommends adoption of the -9 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -9 amendment to SB 669 (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

Carriers

LFO recommends that SB 669, as amended by the -8 and -9 amendments, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 669, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

| Full Committee: | | |
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| House Floor: | | |
| Senate Floor: | | |