

HB 2908 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Evans

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Helt, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS), which 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 DHS resource needs. Requires DHS to report to interim committees related to human services no later than September 15, 2020. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Program currently operates in seven counties and there is support for expansion
- Desire to ensure there is equitable funding and outreach for program case management and sufficient home care workers
- History of program in considering people with disabilities
- Benefits of program that allow recipients to maintain some of their asset
- Costs of expansion

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Changes report to the Legislative Assembly from September 15, 2021 to September 15, 2020. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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 who are not Medicaid recipients. OPI serves individuals who are 60 years of age 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, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Washington, and Yamhill).

House Bill 2908-A 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.