

HB 4080 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes a 12-member Task Force on Medicaid and Medicare Workforce Standards to investigate reasonable standards and requirements for providers of home and community-based care paid in whole or in part with Medicaid or Medicare funds. Requires report be submitted to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to labor during the 2021 and 2023 regular sessions. Sunsets December 31, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people age 65 and older. Certain people younger than age 65 can qualify for Medicare, including those who receive Social Security Disability Income and those who have permanent kidney failure.

Medicaid is a low-income health insurance program. The Oregon Health Plan is Oregon's Medicaid program.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Aging and People with Disabilities Program oversees a system that provides community-based care (CBC) options. According DHS' Community-Based Care Resident and Community Characteristics Report (2017), Medicaid was one of the two most common payer sources for community-based care communities at 41 percent.

According to the Oregon Home Care Commission, the current base hourly rate for homecare and personal support workers is \$14.65 per hour.

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