

**HB 2952 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates an unspecified amount to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allocate to area agencies for mental and behavioral health treatments and pandemic resources for seniors. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Nearly 37 percent of people living in Oregon are older than 50 years. Seniors have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and have unique mental and behavioral health needs.

House Bill 2952 appropriates an unspecified amount to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allocate to area agencies specifically to address the mental and behavioral health needs of seniors and the needs of seniors affected by the pandemic.