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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 9, 2021

Subject: SB 714 A – Relating to residential care facility staffing
Work Session Recommendations

The goal of SB 714 A is to ensure residential care facilities have appropriately qualified staff and staffing levels to meet the needs of all residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To this end, SB 714 A requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to establish minimum requirements for an acuity-based staffing tool adopted by residential care facilities; and, establish the frequency with which a facility must use the staffing tool to reassess its staffing patterns. ODHS is required to ensure a pilot of the acuity-based staffing tool is operational and accessible to residential care providers as an online tool by January 1, 2022 and must solicit feedback on the staffing tool from pilot participants.

Facilities with a memory care endorsement must adopt an acuity-based staffing tool by February 1, 2022. SB 714 A requires ODHS to begin assessments of staffing levels by February 1, 2022. ODHS is authorized to: (1) place a condition on the facility's license until the facility implements an acuity-based staffing tool and meets the minimum staffing levels; (2) place the facility on an enhanced oversight and supervision program; and (3) impose fines and penalties.

SB 714 A requires ODHS to report to the human services committees of the Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2021 and December 15, 2021. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 legislative session adjourns sine die.

The measure previously had a hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery on 3/18/2021, 4/1/2021, 4/8/2021 and 4/13/2021 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Recommended Changes

DHS estimates a need for \$1,649,642 total Funds, and 8 positions (7.04 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. The -A5 amendment adds this funding to the bill. LFO recommends adoption of the -A5 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 714 A, as amended by the -A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____