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Title: SB 90A, ODDS Client Privacy for Vulnerable Population

Summary:

This bill proposes to protect client privacy by adding the names and addresses of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who reside in adult foster homes, residential training facilities and residential training homes to the “public records exempt from disclosure list” in ORS 192.345.

Background:

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in adult foster homes, residential training facilities and residential training homes do not have adequate protections around privacy of their residence location, which puts them at risk of being targeted for discrimination.
- This legislative concept would provide privacy protections by prohibiting the release of addresses of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in adult foster homes, residential training facilities, or residential training homes due to a public records request.
- The 192.345 statute makes the records exempt from disclosure “unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance”.

Impact if not passed:

- If this bill does not pass, the department cannot ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have equal access to privacy and freedom from discrimination. Currently, the addresses of these vulnerable individuals are subject to public records release. Without the demographic anonymity of the proposed statute language, and because almost all individuals who live in residential training facilities, residential training homes, and Adult Foster Homes licensed by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services have a diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability, individuals could be targeted for discrimination simply by their address.

Fiscal impact:

- This bill will have no fiscal impact.

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