

SB 1548 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Implements agency with choice principles with respect to certain persons receiving in-home direct care services, whereby the Department of Human Services (DHS) is the employer of record, responsible for verifying care providers' qualifications, certifying entities that may deliver services, and performing other employment-related and administrative functions, in coordination with and supportive of the choices made by persons receiving services. Establishes minimum requirements for certification of entities and for fiscal, organizational, and operational transparency. Adds workers providing agency of choice services to the list of mandatory reporters of abuse. Requires DHS to adopt rules for certification of entities by October 1, 2023.

Creates an exception for those seeking initial or renewed authorization to provide specified foster care, from the requirement to install sprinkler systems if certain criteria are met. Sunsets exception for initial authorizations January 2, 2026, and for renewals, January 3, 2036. Requires DHS and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to report to the legislature with respect to the impact of sprinkler system requirement as specified by October 1, 2022, and sunsets reporting requirement January 2, 2023.

Directs DHS to report to the legislature on consumer-direct hiring of personal and direct care workers and on modernizing licensing fees and civil penalties related to the provision of certain services as specified by October 1, 2022. Sunsets these reporting requirements January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: