

HB 4012 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs DHS to study and report to the Legislative Assembly on child welfare service provider rate structures. Directs OHA to study the nursing market to determine the appropriate Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers of children’s intensive in-home services and adjust the rates accordingly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bed capacity decreases during the COVID-19 pandemic due to lack of staffing
- Annual staff turnover, retention and recruitment
- Representation of BIPOC communities in staff and patients
- Structure and provider rates
- Cost prohibitive gaps and, accurate cost of care
- MEDICAID and CCO reimbursement rates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Directs the Department of Human Services to collaborate with the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Youth Authority to conduct a comprehensive review of service provider rate structures for child caring agencies.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to conduct a nursing market study for the purpose of determining the appropriate Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers of private duty nursing for medically fragile children.

BACKGROUND:

To be able to receive child care payments from ODHS, providers must: meet all ODHS provider requirements, pass a background check, take required training (license exempt providers only), and become listed and approved by ODHS.