

SB 420 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Prepared By: Iva Sokolovska, LPRO Analyst

Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 1/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines the term "brain injury" and directs the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide specific services to individuals with brain injuries. Authorizes ODHS to contract third parties to provide the specified services. Prohibits services from including institutionalizing, hospitalizing, or medicating individuals with brain injuries. Establishes the Brain Injury Advisory Committee to advise ODHS on the development of services to address the needs of individuals with brain injuries and specifies its membership requirements. Appropriates an unspecified amount to ODHS for providing services to individuals with brain injuries. Directs ODHS to report to the Legislative Assembly each odd-numbered year during the regular session regarding providing services to individuals with brain injuries, barriers to accessing services, and needs of services not being met by the state. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) found that rehabilitation interventions and services can help those living with traumatic brain injuries by improving their ability to do daily tasks independently, engage with friends and family, and participate in their community. People age 75 years and older have the highest rates of traumatic brain injury-related hospitalizations and deaths (32% of hospitalizations and 28% of deaths) according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Senate Bill 420 would require the Oregon Department of Human Services to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and to establish the Brain Injury Advisory Committee which will advise ODHS on the development of programs, activities, and services for individuals with brain injuries.