

HB 2869 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services to study programs administered by aging and disability services division and report to interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint 25-member work group to develop a framework for a multi-sector plan for aging to be administered by Department of Human Services. Specifies work group membership and directives. Requires department to report on work group progress and recommendations to legislative committees. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

The Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) division of the Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for regulating providers of care facilities for elderly Oregonians, including long-term care facilities and in-home care services, in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act. The division also handles reports of abuse and neglect through Adult Protective Services, connects eligible individuals with public assistance benefits such as Social Security and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and processes reimbursement payments to providers through the state's Medicaid plan.

Across the state, there are 16 area agencies on aging (AAAs) designated by DHS to provide community-based long-term care services. AAAs also provide additional services through Oregon Project Independence and may take on additional responsibilities for providing Medicaid and other public benefits on behalf of APD.

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