

SB 104 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services to evaluate implementation of certification of agency with choice service providers and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies definition of “agency with choice services”. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with one or more organization to deliver agency with choice services by December 31, 2023. Specifies duties and requirements of organizations contracting with DHS. Directs DHS to issue a request for proposals for a contract with a second organization to deliver agency with choice services by December 31, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

An employer of record for direct support professionals who are providing in-home services and supports to an individual can provide certain agency with choice services: coordinating the schedules and responsibilities of direct support professionals who are providing in-home services and supports to the individual; for each direct support professional providing in-home services and supports to the individual, withholding, filing and paying income and employment-related taxes, including workers’ compensation premiums and unemployment taxes; verifying the qualifications of each direct support professional; and providing other administrative and employment-related supports. The Department of Human Service (DHS) can certify agencies to deliver agency with choice services as a community-based services option under ORS 427.007.

Senate Bill 104 requires Department of Human Services to evaluate implementation of certification of agency with choice service providers and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.