

SB 92 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 03/20/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Robinson, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/23, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a liaison position to facilitate the participation of individuals who are appointed to boards, commissions or other groups established by statute or convened by DHS or the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and specifies policy areas on which liaison will advise OHA and DHS. Directs the liaison to research additional means of facilitating participation of individuals on boards, commissions and advisory groups.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House Bill 2992 (2021) implementation effects
- Pre-paid gift card options
- Medicaid support services for individuals with disabilities
- Number of Oregonians affected by House Bill 2992 (2021)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislative Assembly passed bill House Bill 2992 (2021) which increased the amount of compensation (from \$30 to \$155 per meeting--based on the per diem paid to legislative members) to members of State Boards and Commissions. The measure took effect in September 2021. During the June 3, 2022 meeting of the Senate Interim Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery, the committee heard testimony from the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Office of Recovery and Resilience in the Oregon Health Authority, the Self-Sufficiency Programs in the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Organization of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD) about the implementation consequences of the measure. For public benefits-eligible participants on State Boards and Commissions, if these stipends are considered as taxable income, it can lead to loss of eligibility for public benefits.

Senate Bill 92 A requires DHS to establish a liaison position to facilitate the participation of individuals who are appointed to boards, commissions or other groups.