

## HB 2589 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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**Action Date:** 04/03/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 10-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Andersen, Cramer, Elmer, Hartman, Hieb, Nelson, Neron, Nguyen H, Reynolds, Scharf

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/15, 4/3

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “PACE program” as program of all-inclusive care for the elderly as described in 42 U.S.C. 1396u-4. Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct wage study of case workers who perform enrollment and eligibility services for PACE program by December 31, 2023. Directs DHS to conduct workforce study to determine sufficient staffing of case workers to process eligibility determinations for PACE program within 45-day window by December 31, 2023. Directs DHS to report to interim legislative committees by January 15, 2024.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Characteristics of Medicare PACE program
- Comprehensive health needs of elderly individuals
- Federal regulations
- Current availability of PACE in Oregon

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies preamble. Removes provisions relating to DHS staffing level and budget request process. Removes fiscal appropriation. Directs DHS to conduct wage study of case workers who perform enrollment and eligibility services for PACE program by December 31, 2023. Directs DHS to conduct workforce study to determine sufficient staffing of case workers to process eligibility determinations for PACE within 45-day window by December 31, 2023. Directs DHS to report to interim legislative committees by January 15, 2024.

#### BACKGROUND:

Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a model of service delivery that provides comprehensive health services for older adults. Individuals covered under PACE receive medically necessary and long-term care services through a single provider entity. Under this model, an interdisciplinary team of health professionals work with the individual to coordinate a plan for health services that are covered by Medicare and Medicaid, enabling the individual to live in their community rather than at a nursing home. PACE services are currently available in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Clatsop, Tillamook, Jackson, and Josephine counties. Enrollment in PACE is processed by the Aging and People with Disabilities Division of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

House Bill 2589 A directs DHS to study wages and workforce staffing levels for case workers who perform enrollment and eligibility services for the PACE program and to report to the legislature on its findings.