

House Bill 2500

Sponsored by Representative OWENS; Representative SCHARF (at the request of Angie Temple) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires that mileage reimbursement be paid to home care workers, personal support workers and other direct support professionals who commute more than 15 miles each way to client's residence.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to in-home care providers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 410.607.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 410.595 to 410.625.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms of any collective bargaining agreement under ORS 410.612, the Home Care Commission shall adopt rules to require the payment of mileage reimbursement to a home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional who commutes more than 15 miles each way from the residence of the home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional to the residence of a client of the home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional.

SECTION 3. ORS 410.607 is amended to read:

410.607. (1) The Home Care Commission shall convene a subcommittee of the commission to define and establish classifications of home care workers, *[and]* personal support workers **and other direct support professionals**. The classifications shall be based on the worker's training, level of skill and the scope of the services provided by the worker.

(2) The commission shall, **for home care workers, personal support workers and other direct support professionals participating in the program described in ORS 410.605:**

(a) Establish payment rates for each classification *[of home care worker participating in the program described in ORS 410.605.]; and*

(b) **Require the payment of mileage reimbursement to a home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional who commutes more than 15 miles each way from the residence of the home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional to the residence of a client of the home care worker, personal support worker or other direct support professional.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.