



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: SB 1521 - A

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### SUMMARY

Digest: The Act requires DHS to contract with at least one organization to provide a new type of service to people who hire personal support workers.

The Act makes changes to the statutes about agency with choice service providers. Requires DHS to contract with at least one agency providing agency with choice services by January 1, 2026.

The Act changes the way that DHS makes a place that houses and takes care of people who are elderly or who have disabilities use a certain tool to make sure that the place has enough staff to meet the needs of the people who live there.

The Act requires that some people must be licensed to help children in DHS custody to stay out of temporary lodging. The Act says that those people do not have to be licensed until 1/1/25. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.4).

*Digest: The Act changes the way that DHS makes a place that houses and takes care of people who are elderly or who have disabilities use a certain tool to make sure that the place has enough staff to meet the needs of the people who live there. The Act changes the meaning of "child in care" that is used when DHS looks into complaints of abuse to include more types of children who have been taken from their homes by DHS. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.3).*

Requires the Department of Human Services to contract with at least one organization by July 1, 2024, to provide enhanced supports to employers of personal support workers and describes the supports that must be provided by the organization.

Specifies the minimum requirements for agencies to be endorsed by the department to provide agency with choice services and requires the department to contract with at least one organization to provide agency with choice services by January 1, 2026.

Prohibits specified acts by agencies that employ staff to provide direct support professionals.

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to hire one additional position for the authority's Medicaid fraud unit.

Modifies the enforcement by the Department of Human Services of the requirements for residential care facilities to use acuity-based staffing tools to ensure sufficient staffing levels to meet residents' scheduled and unscheduled needs at all times.

*Modifies the definition of "child in care" for purposes of child abuse statutes to include a child who is in the protective custody of the department and is receiving certain care or services from the*



department, its agents, contractors or employees or any other person acting in loco parentis.

Requires that certain providers of placement safety or crisis supports for children in the custody of the department be licensed as child-caring agencies. Specifies that certain providers of care or services to children are not child-caring agencies. Delays licensing requirement for certain providers of placement safety or crisis supports to children until January 1, 2025. Permits the department until December 31, 2024, to continue contracting with certain providers of placement safety and supports even though they are unlicensed.

Extends deadline from January 1, 2026, to January 2, 2027, for residential training homes and adult foster homes licensed before July 1, 2026, to install automatic sprinkler systems.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **NOTICE OF NO OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT**