



Presentation to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services
Senate Bill 1521: Agency with Choice

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Agenda

1. Overview
2. History and development
3. In-home services today
4. Implementation and transition
5. Next steps
6. Fiscal impact
7. Questions



Overview: “Agency with Choice” Services

New in-home service model

- Supports more self-direction
- Legislation

HB 4129

- Oregon Health Authority Behavioral Health
- Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)

SB 1521

- ODDS

Key ODDS differences

- Endorsement vs. contract
- Unlimited providers
- Existing infrastructure to support implementation



Legislative History



SB 1548 — passed 2022

- Create “Agency with Choice” (AWC)
- Support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to self-direct their care without having to be the employer

SB 104 — passed 2023

- Modified scope of AWC from direct services for individuals to employers of personal support workers (PSW)
- Contract at least one AWC provider by July 1, 2024

SB 1521 — passed 2024

- Redefined SB 104’s new service to “enhanced employer supports”
- Redefined AWC, more like original SB 1548 model
- AWC providers must be certified Medicaid agencies
- Effective Jan. 1, 2026

In-Home Services History

Pre-2022

- One in-home services agency type
- **Community Living Supports (CLS)**
 - Variety of business models

2022 session

- SB 1548, fully funded rate models
 - Added second CLS in-home services agency model
- **Standard Model Agency (SMA)**
 - Higher rates
 - New policies to strengthen service

Today

- SB 1521 implemented
 - Created “Agency with Choice” called:
- **Employer Model Agency (EMA)**
 - Replaced CLS
- Three in-home service options

Today: Managing One's In-Home Services



Personal Support Worker Model

Provider type: Personal Support Worker (PSW)



Employer Model Agency

Provider type: Direct support professional (DSP)



Standard Model Agency

Provider type: Direct support professional (DSP)



Implementation: Jan. 1, 2026



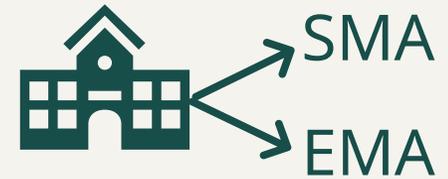
Community,
Tribal and
partner
engagement



Rules



Rate model



Existing
provider
transition

Provider Transition

44 Community Living Supports (CLS) agencies* had 3 options:

1. Employer Model Agency (EMA)
2. Close
3. Standard Model Agency (SMA)

*Provide hourly attendant care



5 became EMA

7 closed

32 became SMA

- Smaller agencies
- Serve ≈ 950 individuals

Next Steps



Promotion and understanding



Training and problem solving



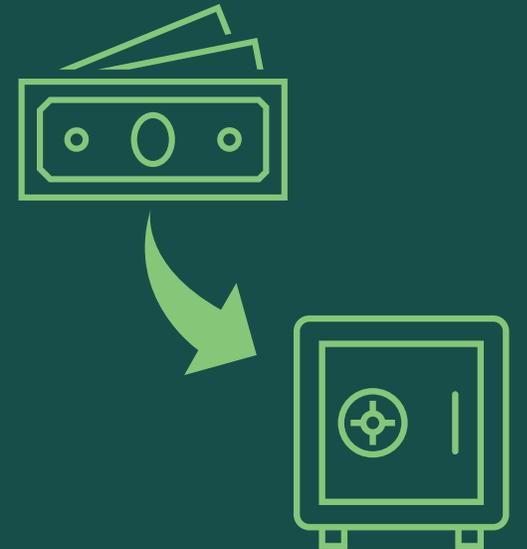
Enforcement and technical assistance

Updated Fiscal Impact

2024 fiscal assumptions updated in 2026

- Based on 2025 trends
- Hours billed by personal support workers and direct support professionals

Forecast: Save approximately \$4.6M



Questions



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