



Support HB 2391: Providing investment to keep Oregon's Older Adults & People with Disabilities independent

Finding smart solutions for tough times.

HB 2391 provides for the establishment of prevention and intervention services and supports for Oregon's long-term care system. Investing in prevention based services in long-term care is a key strategy to Oregon's budget issues

HB 2391 establishes and directs funding for:

- Prevention & Intervention Based Central information services:
 - Prevention & early intervention to prevent premature entrance into and dependence on state funded long-term care
 - Benefits counseling for private and public programs – how to use resources better
 - Public education for seniors and people with disabilities to stay safe, independent and in their own homes
 - Long-term care options counseling
 - Short term case management
 - Access to emergency and adult protective services
- Direct services including:
 - In-home services
 - Caregiver support
 - Healthy living options counseling, resources and services
 - Financial planning resources to help older adults and people with disabilities plan for the use of their own resources to help with the costs of long-term care
 - Volunteer based services
 - Chronic disease management

For all of Oregon's seniors & people with disabilities to help them avert premature reliance on state funded Medicaid services.

HB 2391 also directs funding to **Oregon Project Independence** - \$10.5 million to expand the direct services provided through this program. OPI provides support to individuals at risk of nursing facility care under Medicaid that allows them to stay in their own home, independent and at a significant cost savings to Oregon. Services through OPI cost the state approximately \$250 per month compared to Medicaid funded services which cost Oregon approximately \$600 per month for in home care and upwards to \$2,800 per month in nursing facility care.

Now is the time for smart solutions to help balance our reliance on costly Medicaid funded services and preserve Oregonians' independence and dignity.

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