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The 2014 Legislative Session – a brief overview

The Annual Session

2014 marked the second ‘annual’ session as approved by voters in November 2010. Previous to that election, Oregon would hold their legislative session on a biennial basis, in the odd numbered years. There was not a provision for a regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislature in the interim except for the Emergency Board for necessary budget adjustments, however no policy bills could be moved. With the passage of annual sessions, the Oregon Legislature now meets for a ‘short session’ in the even numbered years. The even-year session is currently limited to 35 days. However, this can be extended by a 2/3 vote of each chamber. During the even-numbered year session, policy bills and budget adjustments may both be acted on.

The Revenue Forecast

The 2013 Legislative Session saw a reversal of previous years trend of budget cuts and reductions due to the economic recession. Coming into the 2013 Legislative Session, the revenue picture was significantly rosier and the budgets passed reflected investments and some stabilization for human services programs including services and supports for seniors and people with disabilities. The Legislature passed budgets that totaled \$16.7 billion for the 2013-15 biennium, a 13% increase in spending from the previous biennium. This set the stage for investment versus reductions. The February revenue forecast set the baseline for adjustments during the 2014 session. This forecast indicated a net increase from the Close of Session (COS) forecast of \$110 million that gave the Budget Co-Chairs latitude to make necessary adjustments and preferred investments.

The Human Services Budgets

The Department of Human Services (DHS), the primary state agency for services to seniors and people with disabilities, began the session with unique challenges and opportunities.

- **The 2% holdback**

All state agencies were required to withhold 2% of their general fund budget for 2013-15 biennium as a ‘reserve’. This was mandated across every state agency. This holdback was intended to provide a cushion to address budget shortfalls or other adjustments that may be necessary. A state agency was expected to spend up to 98% of their LAB (Legislatively Approved Budget) until the 2% was released. During the Rebalance, DHS presented options

should they be required to continue to withhold the 2%, which would have resulted in program reductions, or other cuts in their overall budget. During the final days of the session, there was a direct restoration by Ways & Means of \$11.4 million or 25% of their total required hold back amount. The Department, using various pools of internal funds including SNAP bonus dollars, filled the remainder of the gap from the 2% and TANF carry forward. The Department reported that these adjustments and the backfill would entirely cover their 2% and no program cuts or reductions would be necessary.

- **Special Purpose Appropriation (SPA) for Senior Services**

During the 2013 Special Session, various actions were taken legislatively to adjust potential revenue sources for the state. One of those adjustments was changes to the Senior Medical Expense Deduction. From the changes enacted, savings are realized for the state General Fund as fewer seniors will be able to access this program moving forward. It was estimated that approximately \$82 million would be available in General Fund dollars from revisions for the current 2013-15 biennium. Approximately \$41 million was directed to go towards programs for seniors and \$40 million was sent to the General Fund for use in other programs.

During the Special Session, approximately \$15 million was dedicated from savings to programs include Oregon Project Independence and Special Needs Transportation. \$26 million was 'reserved' in a Special Purpose Appropriation (SPA) to be appropriated during the February session for services and supports to Seniors.

O4AD worked in conjunction with other stakeholders and the Campaign for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities to develop recommendations for the SPA. It was the goal of this process to strengthen the voice for seniors and help guide the process for legislative leaders. This proposal included several priorities for O4AD including Oregon Project Independence, Older Americans Act programs, and Evidence Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention programming.

Ultimately, the Ways & Means Committee in general approved and accepted the recommendations from stakeholders for investment of the SPA. However, the timeline for expenditure varied depending on the request. The full breakdown of the SPA package is at the end of this report. During this session, funds were allocated to the Area Agencies for Evidence Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Funds for Oregon Project Independence and Older Americans Act program were deferred until May pending further information needed.

Looking Ahead – The Interim and 2015

While it can seem that the session just finished and surely there would be a break, it is already time to begin plans for the 2015 Legislative session and to move forward with the interim legislative activity that is a part of the annual session schedule now.

- **Legislative Committee Days**

The Legislature has now established "Committee Days" that occur while the regular session is adjourned. These "Committee Days" are intended to allow standing interim committees to receive updates and reports, hold informational hearings, work through issues or also get an idea of what may occur in the upcoming Legislative session. These "Committee Days" have been scheduled as follows:

- May 28 – May 30, 2014
- September 15 – 17, 2014
- December 8-10, 2014

During interim Committee Days, the Emergency Board (E Board) may also meet. The E Board has discretion to make small budget adjustments within a pool of funds set aside at the end of session.

- **Pre-Session Deadlines**

In preparation for the 2015 Legislative session, deadlines are established for both state agencies and the Legislature to start the bill development process. State agencies are required to submit their concepts for potential bills, Legislative Concepts, to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by **April 28, 2014**. DAS will either approve or deny those requests for legislation by **June 13, 2014**. Legislative Counsel (LC) will return all state agency drafts of legislation by **November 24, 2014**. The pre-session filing deadline for state agencies is **December 12, 2014**.

For the Legislative body, pre-session filing of potential legislative concepts is encouraged. For pre-session filing, the deadlines are as follows:

- Legislative requests due for pre-session filing: September 22, 2014
- Legislative drafts (LCs) returned for pre-session filing: December 5
- Pre-session filing closes: December 19

While bills may be pre-session filed, a number of bills will still be filed once the session begins.

The Campaign Cycle

While the interim process will begin picking up steam, the campaign election cycle is now moving forward in earnest. This campaign cycle will feature a Governor's race, all House of Representative seats up for election and half of the Senate up for election. At this time, the House is made up of 34 Democrats and 26 Republicans. In the Senate, the Democrats have 16 seats and Republicans 14.

Governor John Kitzhaber will be running for a fourth term, the first time this has been attempted in Oregon politics.

The Primary Election is scheduled for May 20th and the General Election will be held on November 4.

Legislation introduced but unsuccessful

- HB 4004** Makes corrections to provisions related to income tax subtraction for senior medical expenses, tax treatment of domestic international sales corporations and distribution of proceeds from cigarette tax.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4004>
- HB 4088** Modifies crime of criminal mistreatment in first degree to include sexual contact with dependent person by person paid to provide care for dependent person.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4088>
- HB 4118** Requires qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities to pay state minimum wage and otherwise comply with state labor and occupational health and safety laws.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4118>
- SB 1565** Prohibits discrimination based on age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency or quality of life in issuance of health benefit plans and in determination of medical services covered by state medical assistance program.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1565>
- SB 1560** Modifies requirements for health plan coverage of tele-medical services.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1560>
- SB 1565** Prohibits discrimination based on age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency or quality of life in issuance of health benefit plans and in determination of medical services covered by state medical assistance program
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/LIZ/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1565>

Legislation introduced and passed

- HB 4038** Modifies provisions that establish process for tenants of manufactured dwelling park to purchase park.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4038>
- HB 4108** Requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with nonprofit organizations to operate pilot project to provide used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4038>
- HB 4109** Requires Oregon Health Authority to commission independent study of costs and impacts of operating basic health program in Oregon.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4109>
- HB 4114** Authorizes court to appoint protected person special advocate in protective proceeding at any time after appointment of fiduciary that is not financial institution or trust company.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4114>
- HB 4148** Changes interest rate accruing on deferred taxes under homestead property tax deferral program from six percent compounded annually to six percent per annum.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4148>
- HB 4151** Requires investigations of abuse of persons 65 years of age or older by Department of Human Services to be completed within 120 days from date of report of abuse except when concurrent criminal investigation is ongoing.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4151>
- HB 4157** Abolishes Industries for the Blind Programs
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/LIZ/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4157>
- HB 5201** Budget Bill for 2014 Session
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/LIZ/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB5201>
- SB 1534** Makes corrections to provisions related to income tax subtraction for senior medical expenses, tax treatment of domestic international sales corporations and distribution of proceeds from cigarette tax.

- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1534>
- SB 1542** Establishes program administered by Home Care Commission to allow private payers to purchase home care services from commission through registry maintained by commission.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1542>
- SB 1553** Directs Long Term Care Ombudsman, in consultation with Residential Facilities Advisory Committee, to appoint Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator in office of Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide public guardian and conservator services for persons claiming to be without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators and claiming to lack financial resources to obtain private guardian or conservator.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1553>
- SB 1577** Requires Department of State Police and all sheriffs and municipal police departments to adopt written policies relating to missing vulnerable adults on or before January 1, 2015. The Silver Alert Bill.
- Link <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/LIZ/2014R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1577>

Appendix A: Legislative Fiscal Budget Document – Aging & Physical Disabilities budget adjustments

This document is produced by the Legislative Fiscal Office to be paired with the budget bill for the February session. The information contained here represents the adjustments, investments and budgets notes for the Aging & Physical Disabilities division of the Department of Human Services. A full outline of the investments made from the Senior Services Special Appropriation is also contained.

The full document can be viewed at:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/36637>.

Aging and People with Disabilities

The budget adjustments approved by the Subcommittee in House Bill 5201 for the Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) program reflect an increase of \$12.2 million General Fund, a decrease of \$6.8 million Other Funds limitation, a decrease of \$4.0 million Federal Funds limitation, and a decrease of 78 positions (82.25 FTE).

Overall caseloads in long-term care facilities are down about 3% from the level funded in the legislatively adopted budget. In-home caseloads are just over 8% higher than budgeted, while both community-based facilities' and nursing facilities' caseloads are lower, by about 10% and 2%, respectively. After costs associated with higher acuity levels and lower than expected provider tax revenues, these changes drive a net savings of \$4.0 million General Fund. In addition to the caseload savings, APD also has \$6.6 million General Fund in savings due to the FMAP change noted previously.

While the caseload trends are consistent with APD policy goals, the Department is concerned that it may be too early in the biennium to safely capture and repurpose the associated savings. Risks include the implementation of the K Plan and the initiative to reduce nursing facility bed capacity.

To support creation of the new program structure, \$15.6 million total funds and 85 positions (85.00 FTE) are transferred out of APD and into PDS. Technical adjustments and transfers account for an increase of \$4.8 million total funds for this program and mostly consist of a net \$4.7 million total funds increase realigning budgets between APD and OHA (Addictions and Mental Health).

In addition to the rebalance changes and statewide adjustments, this program was significantly impacted by the Subcommittee's approval of funding for several senior programs or initiatives, including two pieces of legislation. While APD is not always the directed recipient or primarily participant in these projects, the bulk of the money does flow through DHS and the program has a key role in coordinating activities and reporting. The following section discusses the funding decisions and associated expectations.

Recommendations for 2013 Special Session \$26 million Special Purpose Appropriation for Seniors

During the 2013 Special Session in September 2013, as part of HB 5101 (2013), \$26.0 million General Fund was set aside in a Special Purpose Appropriation (SPA) to the Emergency Board for Board for future distribution to programs or activities supporting seniors. Over the four months between that action and the 2014 Legislative Session, the Department worked with a group of stakeholders to develop a list of proposals for funding allocation.

The Subcommittee approved most of the requested projects; the remaining unallocated General Fund will stay in the Senior SPA for future distribution by the Emergency Board. The legislative intent is that the proposals currently unfunded will have first priority (i.e., portions of the SPA are set aside for these) in the next round of SPA allocations, which is likely to occur as soon as May 2014. Projects are also funded with the caveat that, for ongoing initiatives, overall 2015-17 costs should not exceed the initial 2013 Special Session revenue allocation of \$41 million plus standard inflation. This funding level restriction should be considered as the both the executive and legislative branches develop budgets for the 2015-17 biennium. In addition, some projects were approved as one-time expenditures and are generally not expected to roll forward; these programs have been identified as such in the following narrative. However, these programs' status as one-time expenditures may be evaluated for

ongoing status based on program development and the level of resources available in 2015-17. If included as ongoing, the program costs should be clearly identifiable within the 2015-17 budget build.

Funding recipients are expected to work with the Department of Human Services to provide to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services during the 2015 Legislative Session a coordinated update on what was accomplished with these investments.

Projects or proposals brought forward for consideration for Senior SPA funding, along with the Subcommittee's recommendation are summarized in the table below. Subsequent narrative sections describe expectations regarding each project or proposal and next steps, including future allocations for projects for which funds are not being authorized at this time. For reference, summary item numbers 1 through 21 correspond in order to the consensus list developed by the Campaign for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities; three other proposals were added as issues surfaced during the legislative session.

2013 Special Session \$26M Appropriation Allocation Recommendations

Item #	Item	Who	Request	Approved	Recommendation
1	Geriatric/disability/mental health and addiction specialists for each county	OHA - AMH	2,800,000	-	Hold; present plan in May
2	Senior mental health training	OHA - AMH	700,000	-	Hold; present plan in May
3	Enhance funding for elder and disabled transit services	ODOT	4,000,000	4,000,000	Fund
4	Geriatric medication competency training pilot	DHS - APD	1,600,000	1,600,000	Fund but require May report on RFP
5	Training on Alzheimer's/dementias	DHS - APD	450,000	450,000	Fund but require May report on RFP
6	Training for caregivers on challenging behaviors	DHS - APD	400,000	400,000	Fund but require May report on RFP
7	First responder training on Alzheimer's/dementias	DHS - APD	500,000	500,000	Fund but require May report on RFP
8	Increase access to caregiver training statewide	DHS - APD	350,000	350,000	Fund but require May report on RFP
9	Restoration of Quality Care Fund sweep	DHS - APD	1,000,000	1,000,000	Restore fund but report on spending plan
10	SB 1553 - Public Guardianship Program	LTCO	949,183	949,183	Fund
11	Re-establish annual reporting for long term care	DHS - APD	750,000	100,000	Partially fund; report back in May
12	Develop community based care capacity index	DHS - APD	750,000	100,000	Partially fund; report back in May
13	General Assistance study	DHS - APD	112,000	112,000	Fund
14	Collect/analyze data on via annual BRFSS report	OHA - PH	30,000	30,000	Fund
15	Cash Oregon Grant for technology upgrade	DHS - APD	150,000	150,000	Fund
16	Personal Incidental Fund (PIF) from \$30 to \$100 per month	DHS - APD	1,300,000	539,728	Fund at \$60 and start indexing
17	Initiate SB 870 to expand coverage for younger persons with disabilities	DHS - APD	3,000,000	-	Hold; present pilot plan in May
18	HB 4151 - Elder Abuse Task Force Recommendation	DHS - APD	149,365	149,365	Fund
19	Adult Protection Services Technology Investment	DHS - APD	1,000,000	-	Hold; pending business case and plan
20	AAAs - Replace Older Americans Act lost due to sequestration cuts	DHS - APD	2,500,000	-	Hold; pending actual awards/need
21	AAAs - Evidence based health promotion/disease prevention	DHS - APD	1,250,000	1,250,000	Fund
22	Senior Property Tax Deferral Hardship Fund (\$313,800)	DHS - APD	313,800	313,800	Fund
23	SB 1542 - Expand Home Care Registry to Private Payers	DHS - APD	1,281,297	1,281,297	Fund
24	Medford Senior Center Nutrition Program	DAS	20,000	20,000	Fund

Total **25,355,645** **13,295,373**

SPA Amount	26,000,000	26,000,000
SPA Remaining	644,355	12,704,627

Items #1 and #2 were not funded by the Subcommittee, pending a report to the May meeting of the Emergency Board. The current \$3.5 million General Fund (\$7.0 million total funds) proposal places geriatric and disability mental health and addiction specialists in all 36 county mental health programs, in order to improve services for older adults with mental illness. Behavioral health services for older adults rest in systems of care that are often times disconnected. These systems include Aging and People with Disabilities long term care, home health, Medicare (including Medicare Advantage plans) and community mental health programs. The geriatric specialist would focus on the coordination of these systems within their community to meet the behavioral health needs of older adults. In its report, the Oregon Health Authority will provide a more detailed plan for both the services and training components of the proposal. The report should include how to structure the program and how to best work with Coordinated Care Organizations, in both the short and long run, considering that these staff would service Medicare clients as well as those eligible for Medicaid. The report should also address the appropriate level of staffing in different areas of the state.

Item #3 was funded, adding \$4.0 million General Fund for senior and disabled transportation budgeted in the Department of Transportation (ODOT). The program distributes funds to counties, transit districts, and tribes that provide transportation services for older adults and persons with disabilities. This infusion brings total funding for the biennium to \$11.0 million, which is about 30% of the estimated need as evaluated in a 2010 study by Portland State University.

Items #4 through #8, at a total of \$3.3 million General Fund were approved on a *one-time* basis for the Department of Human Services to fund a broad scale Caregiver Training Initiative designed to provide consistent, standardized, and evidence-based training across all segments of the long term care services and supports (LTCSS) continuum. The growing population of seniors and people with disabilities requires a well-trained workforce and the development of additional community resources for both professional and family caregivers. Curriculum, trainings, and capacity development will be targeted in the following areas:

- Geriatric medication management and competency
- Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
- Challenging behaviors in non-dementia populations
- Specialized training for the public safety workforce on Alzheimer's and related dementias
- Enhanced training and access to caregiver trainings in underserved areas, populations and settings

DHS will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for organizations with the demonstrated experience, competency, expertise and ability to develop, coordinate and conduct trainings, curriculums and materials to reach all the intended audiences identified. Organizations will need to demonstrate the ability to work statewide with both private and public entities in the development, coordination and successful execution of this initiative. Programming should be aligned with current state policy initiatives.

The Subcommittee directed DHS to report back to the Emergency Board in May on the status of the RFP with the goal being for trainings to commence by July 2014.

For **Item #9**, the Subcommittee approved a *one-time* allocation of \$1.0 million General Fund, which allows Quality Care Fund resources to be directed back from general program expenditures to training, technical assistance, quality improvement initiatives and licensing activities. The fund's revenue comes from long-term care facility licensing fees and civil penalties. Prior to formally allocating Quality Care Fund dollars to projects or initiatives, the Department will report to the Emergency Board on the spending plan, the process used to decide on fund allocations,

and the overall plan for managing the fund going forward. This report will be provided in May 2014 in conjunction with the training RFP report discussed above.

Funding for **Item #10**, which was approved in the amount of \$949,183 General Fund, will support a new Public Guardian and Conservator program within the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCC). The program is created with passage of SB 1553 (2014); more information on the program is included in the LTCO narrative.

Items #11 and #12 take care of two data and information reporting gaps in the Department of Human Services. The approved initial allocation of \$200,000 General Fund (\$100,000 per project) will allow DHS to develop a work plan and more precise costing for these projects before returning to request the remaining funding. The first project will restart annual Nursing Facility and Community Based Care utilization reports, which were discontinued in 2009 due to budget reductions. The second effort is around improving availability of quality information on community based care facilities, through development of a website that will contain information on facility location, type of care, vacancies and customer satisfaction.

An allocation of \$112,000 General Fund (**Item #13**) will allow the Department of Human Services, with stakeholder participation, to conduct a **one-time** study on and make recommendations for a program designed to provide temporary cash assistance to low-income, childless adults with disabilities (at a minimum). The Department will report the study results and program recommendations to the appropriate House and Senate policy committees and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2015 Legislative Session. The report should include, but not be limited to, data on special populations, such as homeless persons, veterans, and individuals nearing or on post-prison supervision, eligibility requirements, services offered, desired outcomes, cost avoidance, potential pilot projects, and a menu of program/funding options.

Item #14, funded at \$30,000 will go to the Oregon Health Authority (Public Health) to pay for collecting specialized data on cognitive data and caregiving under the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. These data are particularly important for the Oregon Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and its efforts to advance research, to provide and enhance care and support, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The Subcommittee approved **Item #15**, at \$150,000 General Fund, which supports a grant to Cash Oregon to support the one-time purchase of new laptops for the AARP Tax Aide program. This is a volunteer program that helps low-income seniors prepare tax returns.

Each Medicaid nursing facility resident has a monthly allowance to cover personal incidental needs (**Item #16**); this amount has been set at \$30 per month for the last twenty years. The Subcommittee approved \$539,728 General Fund and \$952,472 Federal Funds for DHS to increase the amount to \$60 per month, effective July 2014. Beginning with the 2015-17 biennium, the Department is directed to begin indexing personal incidental fund increases in nursing facilities to annual increase percentages published by the social security administration. (The approved recommendation was modified from the original proposal, which requested an increase to \$100 without any indexing.)

For **Item #17**, the Subcommittee retained \$3.0 million General Fund within the SPA for distribution in May 2014, after DHS and stakeholders have brought forward a pilot project plan to make Oregon Project Independence services available to people with disabilities, as envisioned by SB 870 (2005). To provide more specific direction, the Subcommittee adopted the following budget note:

Budget Note:

The Department of Human Services shall develop a pilot project to expand Oregon Project Independence services to people with disabilities effective July 1, 2014. To meet this timeline, the Department will need to make emergency rules; that rulemaking will incorporate the feedback of appropriate stakeholders and advocates. Appropriate parties include, but are not limited to, the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Disability Services Advisory Councils. The pilot shall cover a regionally diverse area of Oregon, including both rural and metropolitan areas. The Department shall report on the pilot project plan, which should cover structure, outreach, evaluation, and budget components, and request release of SPA funds at the May 2014 meeting of the Emergency Board.

The Department of Human Services will study and report back to the appropriate 2015 legislative committees on the potential to transition Oregon Project Independence to a statewide, age neutral program that assesses and serves seniors and persons with physical disabilities based on need. This report will include cost projections for the expansion of services, projected caseloads and demographic distribution.

Funding for *Item #18*, which was approved in the amount of \$149,365 General Fund, \$118,680 Federal Funds, and two positions (1.34 FTE) supports work under HB 4151 (2014). This bill sets consistent timelines for investigations of elder abuse cases by DHS and directs the agency to adopt policies and guidelines for the development of an electronic database of abuse reports and to standardize investigation and reporting practices. A registry of persons working or seeking to work in elder care facilities will be implemented by January 1, 2015; the registry will augment the existing criminal background check system. One of the new positions will work with the standardized practices and protocols related to the abuse reporting and investigating components of the bill. The other one will be responsible for the registry work, including coordination with reporting facilities and development of registry rules.

Discussions regarding various systems and worker registries led the Subcommittee to adopt an associated budget note:

Budget Note:

The Department of Human Services will report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2015 Legislative Session on the “ready to work” registry and associated rules required under HB 4151 (2014). The report should also include a section on the feasibility of developing a comprehensive (diverse care settings) and multipurpose (employment, referral, certification, background check, abuse) care worker registry, including potential efficiencies, benefits, costs, and barriers. Lastly, the report will provide an update on how administrative rule changes required by HB 3168 (2013) have reduced duplicative background check counts and decreased waiting times for applicants.

The Subcommittee did not fund *Item #19*, which is a DHS request for funding to begin developing a new system to manage adult protective services activities. At a minimum, the Department plans to finalize a system business case and explore opportunities for federal funding before returning the Emergency Board to report on the project’s progress and potentially request at least an initial allocation from the Senior SPA.

Item #20 is a request for \$2.5 million in state funding to backfill anticipated federal reductions in federal Older Americans Act dollars. Several programs administered by the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are potentially affected by sequestration reductions. However, federal funding award letters have not yet been received and more recent information indicates that the shortfall may be much less than expected, if not completely mitigated. Accordingly, the Subcommittee did not allocate funds, but welcomes a SPA allocation request during the interim, depending on final federal awards and demonstrated need. Not taking action on potential sequester reductions at this time is also consistent with the approach taken in other areas of the DHS budget, where sequester impacts continue to remain an unfunded risk.

The Subcommittee approved **Item #21**, which provides \$1,250,000 General Fund to support statewide AAA efforts in the areas of Evidence Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. These programs serve individuals with long-term services and supports needs regardless of eligibility for entitlement programs. The money will be distributed through formula, with each region putting together a plan for that will include anticipated numbers of individuals served and outcomes.

To address back taxes for certain seniors who were allowed back into the senior property tax deferral program after being disqualified in 2011, the Subcommittee added \$313,800 General Fund (**Item #22**). The plan is for these *one-time* funds to flow through DHS to one or more Area Agencies on Aging to perform eligibility and authorize payments.

Funding for **Item #23**, which was approved in the amount of \$1,281,297 General Fund and five positions (1.41 FTE) supports work under SB 1542 (2014). This bill requires the Home Care Commission (budgeted within DHS) to administer a program enabling private payers to buy home care services from the Commission's home care registry. Currently, only individuals covered by Medicaid may hire caregivers through the registry. Under the program, the Commission will be responsible for a variety of tasks, including publicizing the registry, screening workers, setting standards, providing referrals, establishing rates, and paying wages. After General Fund pays for *one-time* start-up costs, the program will be self-supporting; the bill allows the Commission to set consumer rates at levels that support recovering up to 107% of program costs.

For **Item #24**, the Subcommittee approved \$20,000 General Fund in the DAS budget as a *one-time* pass-through to the Medford Senior Center to cover emergency need in its senior nutrition program. Last fiscal year, the program provided 17,159 meals for the elderly in Jackson County.

Developmental Disabilities

The budget changes approved by the Subcommittee in House Bill 5201 for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) program reflect net increases of \$21.9 million General Fund, \$1,291 Other Funds expenditure limitation, \$41.8 million Federal Funds expenditure limitation, and a decrease of 80 positions (78.80 FTE).

Both caseloads and cost per case in DD programs are expected to be higher than the previous forecast, driving an increase of \$10.8 General Fund (\$22.0 million Federal Funds). Caseload counts are growing and clients are moving between service categories, primarily because under the K Plan services must be provided to all eligible applicants. Costs per case are also going up due to increasing client acuity. While the legislatively adopted budget attempted to build in K Plan impacts, some elements, such as significantly more children entering the DD system or side effects of brokerages being pushed to capacity, were not anticipated in the previous forecast. These and other issues will continue to be risks moving forward.

The caseload associated costs are partially offset by FMAP rate savings of \$4.9 million General Fund and participation rate adjustments resulting in savings of \$1.3 million General Fund.

Other program costs covered in the rebalance include \$1.3 million General Fund (\$2.6 million total funds) to keep funding for the Community Developmental Disability Programs (CCDP) at 94% equity; a budget estimate error resulted in the equity level being underfunded. Another budget change provides \$1.9 million General Fund (\$5.2 million total funds) to cover a 6% interim rate increase for DD employment services providers; this item was included after discussion during November 2013 Legislative Days.

To support implementation of a new program structure, Program and Design Services (PDS), \$9.9 million total funds and 67 positions (67.00 FTE) are transferred out of APD and into PDS. Technical adjustments and transfers account for a decrease of \$4.4 million total funds and 13 positions (11.80 FTE) for this program.

Another technical change in this program area is a title clarification. To better characterize program clients, DHS is now referring to this program as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

The Subcommittee added \$490,000 General Fund (\$1,136,368 total funds) to cover a gap in some CDDP budgets due funding formula changes that left 11 of the programs with budgets below 2011-13 levels. This action corrects that disparity and supports program stability while the Department and the CDDPs are transitioning to a workload, instead of caseload, model for 2015-17 budget development.

Program Design Services

The Subcommittee approved the following budget for Program Design Services (PDS): \$20,225,454 General Fund, \$11,026,715 Other Funds, \$78,907,230 Federal Funds, and 253 positions (253.00 FTE). The idea behind establishing this new structure is to capture program design services and some direct services to DHS clients and programs that span across the Department's five major program areas. The budget is created primarily through budget transfers from other programs. The agency's plan is to increase both program utility and transparency by consolidating certain services, which include the following offices: Program Integrity, Licensing and Regulatory Oversight, IT Business Supports, Business Intelligence, and Continuous Improvement.

In addition to budget transfers, also included is an additional \$38 million Federal Funds expenditure limitation to leverage and spend additional federal match received for the Modernization technology project. The project is now housed in IT Business Supports; previously it was under the Self Sufficiency program.

Initially, the resources for each office were expected to continue to be part of each relevant program budget. However, due to budget and accounting system limitations, DHS was having difficulty providing managers and office customers with meaningful, timely, and accurate budget reports. For each program area receiving services, the Department will still be able to report on the nature and cost of services provided.

Central Services

The budget adjustments included in House Bill 5201 reflect the following net changes for Central Services: an increase of \$542,649 General Fund, a decrease of \$115,287 Other Funds expenditure limitation, and an increase of \$307,909 Federal Funds expenditure limitation. Embedded in these figures is a decrease of \$276,548 total funds associated with technical adjustments and transfers.

Shared Services

The Subcommittee approved a net increase of \$8.2 million Other Funds expenditure limitation and a net decrease of 9 positions (9.24 FTE). The changes are primarily due to technical adjustments and transfers, including five positions moving from APD and OHA-AMH to Shared Services. An increase of \$1.8 million Other Funds expenditure limitation would allow the budget to support activities in DHS and OHA program affected by 2013-15 policy option packages.

An updated Package 091 Statewide Administrative Savings was approved by the Subcommittee, and includes eliminating fourteen permanent full-time positions. The revised plan also attributes \$2 million in General Fund savings to lower leases, budgeted in Statewide Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs, instead of Personal Services in Shared Services. The eliminated positions are as follows:

- Financial Services (3 positions, 3.00 FTE) – Principal Executive Manager D, Office Specialist 1, Administrative Specialist 2
- Shared Services Administration (1 position, 1.00 FTE) – Executive Support Specialist 2
- Performance Excellence (2 positions, 2.00 FTE) – Operations & Policy Analyst 3, Operations & Policy Analyst 4
- Human Resources (2 positions, 2.00 FTE) – Principal Executive Manger D, Human Resources Assistant
- Budget/Planning/Analysis (2 positions, 2.00 FTE) – Operations & Policy Analyst 3, Fiscal Analyst 2
- Communications (1 position, 1.00 FTE) – Operations & Policy Analyst 3
- Payment Accuracy & Recovery (3 positions, 3.00 FTE) – Revenue Agent 2, Administrative Specialist 2, Human Services Specialist 4

Statewide Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs

The budget adjustments included in House Bill 5201 reflect the following net increases for this program unit: \$11.6 million General Fund, \$29.4 million Other Funds expenditure limitation, and \$7.6 million Federal Funds expenditure limitation. Within these numbers, technical adjustments and transfers account for an increase of \$6.0 million General Fund (\$11.2 million total funds), primarily to align the assessment budget with policy package changes in program budget structures.

In addition, the approved rebalance plan includes a request for \$30 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to support accessing a line of credit. For several biennia, the agency has used a line of credit and borrowed funds from the Treasury to finance prepayments and account for a lag in receipt of certain revenues, including provider taxes. As was done for the 2011-13 biennium, the Subcommittee requests that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) unschedule the expenditure limitation to be accessed only as needed depending on cash flow issues. The DAS Chief Financial Office and the Legislative Fiscal Office will jointly approve any rescheduling.

An updated Package 091 Statewide Administrative Savings was approved by the Subcommittee, shifting \$2 million in General Fund savings to account for lower leases, instead of Personal Services savings. The agency identified a list of 99 leases that are set to expire over the course of the biennium and will track and document the savings expected to be achieved through improved contracting and negotiating tools. The

Department and the DAS Chief Financial Office has committed to holding budgets associated with these leases at assumed savings level for 2015-17 budget development, regardless of lease negotiation outcomes.

Long Term Care Ombudsman

The Subcommittee approved an increase of \$39,554 General Fund, which fully restores the agency's 2% supplemental ending balance holdback included in the legislatively adopted budget. The restoration will allow the agency to meet budget needs without jeopardizing implementation of Senate Bill 626 (2013), which expanded the duties of the Long Term Care Ombudsman to advocate for residents of care facilities who have mental illness or developmental disabilities.

No changes were needed to reconcile Package 091 Statewide Administrative Savings, leaving the placeholder budget category reductions intact.

To cover costs associated with Senate Bill 1553 (2104), which establishes the Public Guardian and Conservator within the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Subcommittee approved \$949,183 General Fund, 5 positions, and 2.25 FTE. This new program helps persons without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators; services range from making care decisions to handling financial issues. Along with providing direct services, the program will set professional standards for and certify guardians and conservators, produce training materials, develop a volunteer program to assist the guardians and conservators, establish an eligibility process for program services, and work with local programs and organizations to provide services.

The fiscal impact includes Personal Services and related Services and Supplies for the following five positions: a Principal Exec/Manager D (Deputy Long Term Care Ombudsman), a Program Analyst 4 (Public Guardian), an Administrative Specialist 2, and two Program Analyst 2 positions (Deputy Public Guardian). Since the program starts mid-biennium, costs for 2015-17 are projected to more than double due to the additional year and anticipated growth. The budget estimate assumes a caseload of 165 clients/wards per year.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability

The Subcommittee increased General Fund appropriations by \$2,028 to restore 50% of the agency's 2% supplemental General Fund ending balance holdback.

Judicial Department

The Subcommittee increased General Fund appropriations by \$3,086,092 to restore approximately 49% of the agency's 2% supplemental General Fund ending balance holdback. The amounts of the holdback restored include a \$2 million restoration to Operations (approximately 37%). The Judicial Department's 2% ending balance holdbacks on pass-through appropriations received 25% restorations. General Fund increases to Mandated payments and to Third-party debt collection exceeded the 2% holdbacks to those programs. The Subcommittee appropriated \$762,585 General Fund to Mandated payments, to restore both the 2% supplemental General Fund ending balance holdback, and the 5% General Fund services and supplies reduction, included in the legislatively adopted budget. The Subcommittee appropriated \$250,000 General Fund to the Department, and an additional \$700,000 General Fund in a special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board, for Third-party debt collection

Appendix B: O4AD Bill Tracking Report

This report is the full bill tracking report for all bills O4AD followed during the session. This report shows bills that passed or died and also vote counts and all actions taken.

O4AD: Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging

[HB 4004](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Category

Sr Md Dedctn

Summary: Makes corrections to provisions related to income tax subtraction for senior medical expenses, tax treatment of domestic international sales corporations and distribution of proceeds from cigarette tax.

Relating To: Relating to taxation; prescribing an effective date.

Status: Dead

3/7/14 H - In committee upon adjournment.

2/5/14 H - Public Hearing held.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Revenue.

[HB 4038A](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Summary: Modifies provisions that establish process for tenants of manufactured dwelling park to purchase park.

Relating To: Relating to tenant purchase of residential facility; prescribing an effective date.

Status: Enrolled

3/7/14 S - President signed.

3/7/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/5/14 H - House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Berger, Conger, Weidner.

3/4/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Monnes Anderson. Passed. Ayes, 30.

3/3/14 S - Second reading.

2/28/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

2/27/14 S - Work Session held.

2/25/14 S - Motion to refer to Rules carried.

2/24/14 S - Taken from 02-24 Calendar and placed on 02-25 Calendar on voice vote.

2/21/14 S - Taken from 02-21 Calendar and placed on 02-24 Calendar on voice vote.

2/20/14 S - Second reading.

2/19/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

2/19/14 S - Minority Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng Minority)

2/17/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/13/14 S - Referred to General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection.

2/12/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

2/11/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Nathanson, Whisnant. Passed. Ayes, 60.

2/10/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.

2/10/14 H - Second reading.

2/5/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Human Services and Housing.

2/3/14 H - Public Hearing held.

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[HB 4088](#)

Category

[Bill Info](#)

Disability

Summary: Modifies crime of criminal mistreatment in first degree to include sexual contact with dependent person by person paid to provide care for dependent person.

Relating To: Relating to vulnerable persons; declaring an emergency.

Status: Dead

3/7/14 H - In committee upon adjournment.

2/27/14 H - Motion to withdraw from Judiciary failed. Ayes, 30; Nays, 30--Bailey, Barker, Barnhart, Boone, Buckley, Clem, Doherty, Frederick, Gelsner, Gomberg, Greenlick, Harker, Holvey, Hoyle, Keny-Guyer, Komp, Lininger, Lively, Matthews, McKeown, Nathanson, Read, Reardon, Smith Warner, Tomei, Unger, Vega Pederson, Williamson, Witt, Speaker Kotek.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Judiciary.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 4108A](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Summary: Requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with nonprofit organizations to operate pilot project to provide used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients.

Relating To: Relating to durable medical equipment; appropriating money; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/12/14 S - President signed.

3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/6/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Hansell. Passed. Ayes, 30.

3/5/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. bill.

3/5/14 S - Second reading.

3/4/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

3/4/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means.

3/3/14 H - Second reading.

3/3/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass.

3/3/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Keny-Guyer. Passed. Ayes, 54; Nays, 4--Esquivel, Freeman, Hanna, Hicks; Excused, 2--Berger, Weidner.

2/28/14 H - Work Session held.

2/24/14 H - Work Session held.

2/24/14 H - Returned to Full Committee.

2/17/14 H - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.

2/10/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/10/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/5/14 H - Work Session held.

2/3/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

[HB 4109](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Summary: Requires Oregon Health Authority to commission independent study of costs and impacts of operating basic health program in Oregon.

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Relating To: Relating to studying alternative approaches to financing health care; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/12/14 S - President signed.

3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/6/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Bates. Passed. Ayes, 19; nays, 11--Baertschiger Jr, Close, Ferrioli, George, Girod, Knopp, Kruse, Olsen, Starr, Thomsen, Whitsett.

3/5/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. bill.

3/5/14 S - Second reading.

3/4/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

3/4/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means.

3/3/14 H - Second reading.

3/3/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.

3/3/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Greenlick. Passed. Ayes, 37; Nays, 21--Bentz, Cameron, Conger, Davis, Esquivel, Freeman, Gilliam, Hanna, Hicks, Huffman, Jenson, Johnson, Krieger, McLane, Olson, Parrish, Smith, Sprenger, Thatcher, Whisnant, Whitsett; Excused, 2--Berger, Weidner.

2/28/14 H - Work Session held.

2/24/14 H - Work Session held.

2/24/14 H - Returned to Full Committee.

2/17/14 H - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.

2/5/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/5/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/3/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

[HB 4114B](#)

Bill Info

Summary: Authorizes court to appoint protected person special advocate in protective proceeding at any time after appointment of fiduciary that is not financial institution or trust company.

Relating To: Relating to special advocates for protected persons; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/18/14 H - Chapter 39, (2014 Laws): Effective date March 6, 2014.

3/6/14 H - Governor signed.

2/27/14 S - President signed.

2/27/14 H - Speaker signed.

2/25/14 H - House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill. Ayes, 60.

2/24/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Dembrow. Passed. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--Starr.

2/21/14 S - Second reading.

2/20/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

2/20/14 S - Work Session held.

2/18/14 S - Public Hearing held.

2/14/14 S - Referred to Judiciary.

2/14/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Gallegos, Gilliam. Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Conger, Hanna, Richardson.

2/14/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

2/13/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.

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2/13/14 H - Second reading.
2/10/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
2/3/14 H - Referred to Judiciary.
2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

HB 4118

Category

Bill Info

Disability

Summary: Requires qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities to pay state minimum wage and otherwise comply with state labor and occupational health and safety laws.

Relating To: Relating to qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities; appropriating money; declaring an emergency.

Status: Dead

3/7/14 H - In committee upon adjournment.
2/11/14 H - Public Hearing held.
2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
2/3/14 H - Referred to Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

HB 4148A

Category

Bill Info

Sr Md Dedctn

Summary: Changes interest rate accruing on deferred taxes under homestead property tax deferral program from six percent compounded annually to six percent per annum.

Relating To: Relating to the rate of interest on deferred taxes under the homestead property tax deferral program; and prescribing an effective date.

Status: Enrolled

3/18/14 H - Chapter 41, (2014 Laws): Effective date June 6, 2014.
3/6/14 H - Governor signed.
2/27/14 S - President signed.
2/26/14 H - Speaker signed.
2/24/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Rosenbaum. Passed. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--Starr.
2/21/14 S - Second reading.
2/21/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass.
2/19/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
2/14/14 S - Referred to Finance and Revenue.
2/14/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.
2/13/14 H - Second reading.
2/13/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Nathanson. Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Fagan, Hanna, Richardson.
2/12/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.
2/11/14 H - Work Session held.
2/4/14 H - Public Hearing held.
2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
2/3/14 H - Referred to Revenue.

HB 4151A

Bill Info

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Abuse

Summary: Requires investigations of abuse of persons 65 years of age or older by Department of Human Services to be completed within 120 days from date of report of abuse except when concurrent criminal investigation is ongoing.

Relating To: Relating to vulnerable persons; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/12/14 S - President signed.

3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/6/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Steiner Hayward. Passed. Ayes, 30.

3/5/14 S - Second reading.

3/5/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the B-Eng. bill.

3/4/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

3/4/14 H - Second reading.

3/4/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Hoyle, Gilliam. Passed. Ayes, 58; Excused, 2--Berger, Weidner.

3/4/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means.

3/3/14 H - Work Session held.

3/3/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed B-Engrossed.

2/27/14 H - Returned to Full Committee.

2/27/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/20/14 H - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.

2/13/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/13/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/12/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/10/14 H - Public Hearing held.

2/7/14 H - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session cancelled.

2/3/14 H - Referred to Human Services and Housing with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

2/3/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 4157](#)

Bill Info

Summary: Abolishes Industries for the Blind program.

Relating To: Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/12/14 S - President signed.

3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/7/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Buckley. Passed. Ayes, 47; Nays, 11--Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Esquivel, Gilliam, Hanna, Hicks, Krieger, Thatcher, Weidner, Whitsett; Excused, 2--Conger, Thompson.

3/7/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means.

3/7/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. bill.

3/7/14 S - Second reading.

3/7/14 H - Second reading.

3/7/14 S - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Devlin. Passed. Ayes, 28; nays, 1--Ferrioli; excused, 1--Boquist.

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3/7/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.
3/6/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.
3/6/14 H - Work Session held.
3/6/14 H - Work Session held.
3/6/14 H - Returned to Full Committee.
3/5/14 H - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction.
2/18/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means.
2/17/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

HB 5201

Bill Info

Summary: Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and reimbursements from federal service agreements, but excluding lottery funds and certain federal funds, collected or received by Oregon Military Department.

Relating To: Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/12/14 S - President signed.
3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.
3/7/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Buckley. Passed. Ayes, 46; Nays, 12--Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Gilliam, Hanna, Hicks, McLane, Olson, Richardson, Thatcher, Weidner, Whitsett; Excused, 2--Conger, Thompson.
3/7/14 H - Second reading.
3/7/14 S - Second reading.
3/7/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. bill.
3/7/14 S - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Devlin. Passed. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--Boquist.
3/7/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means.
3/7/14 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.
3/6/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.
3/6/14 H - Work Session held.
3/6/14 H - Returned to Full Committee.
3/6/14 H - Work Session held.
3/5/14 H - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction.
2/18/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means.
2/17/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

SB 1534A

Bill Info

Category

Sr Md Dedctn

Summary: Makes corrections to provisions related to income tax subtraction for senior medical expenses, tax treatment of domestic international sales corporations and distribution of proceeds from cigarette tax.

Relating To: Relating to taxation; prescribing an effective date.

Status: Enrolled

3/11/14 S - President signed.
3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.
3/7/14 S - Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed bill. Ayes, 30.
3/6/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed C-Engrossed.
3/6/14 H - Vote explanation(s) filed by Bentz, Davis.

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3/6/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Barnhart. Passed. Ayes, 55; Excused, 3--Berger, Boone, Weidner; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Read, Williamson.

3/5/14 H - Work Session held.

3/4/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Barnhart.

3/4/14 H - Motion to refer to Revenue carried. Referred.

3/3/14 H - Rules suspended. Carried over to March 4, 2014 Calendar.

2/28/14 H - Rules suspended. Carried over to March 3, 2014 Calendar.

2/27/14 H - Second reading.

2/26/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed B-Engrossed.

2/25/14 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/21/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/21/14 H - Referred to Revenue.

2/21/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Burdick. Passed. Ayes, 27; excused, 3--Beyer, Olsen, Winters.

2/20/14 S - Second reading.

2/19/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

2/17/14 S - Work Session held.

2/10/14 S - Work Session cancelled.

2/5/14 S - Public Hearing held.

2/3/14 S - Referred to Finance and Revenue.

2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

[SB 1542A](#)

Bill Info

Summary: Establishes program administered by Home Care Commission to allow private payers to purchase home care services from commission through registry maintained by commission.

Relating To: Relating to in-home care providers; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/11/14 S - President signed.

3/11/14 H - Speaker signed.

3/7/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Nathanson. Passed. Ayes, 43; Nays, 14--Bentz, Berger, Cameron, Conger, Hanna, Hicks, Huffman, McLane, Olson, Sprenger, Thatcher, Weidner, Whisnant, Whitsett; Excused, 2--Keny-Guyer, Thompson; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Buckley.

3/6/14 H - Second reading.

3/5/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass.

3/5/14 S - Close, granted unanimous consent to change vote from nay to aye.

3/5/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

3/5/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Rosenbaum. Passed. Ayes, 21; nays, 9--Baertschiger Jr, Boquist, Ferrioli, George, Girod, Knopp, Kruse, Olsen, Whitsett.

3/5/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means.

3/4/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

3/4/14 S - Second reading.

3/3/14 S - Work Session held.

2/26/14 S - Returned to Full Committee.

2/26/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/17/14 S - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.

2/12/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

2/12/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

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2/11/14 S - Work Session held.
2/10/14 S - Public Hearing held.
2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.
2/3/14 S - Referred to Health Care and Human Services, then Ways and Means.

SB 1553A

Bill Info

Summary: Directs Long Term Care Ombudsman, in consultation with Residential Facilities Advisory Committee, to appoint Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator in office of Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide public guardian and conservator services for persons claiming to be without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators and claiming to lack financial resources to obtain private guardian or conservator.

Relating To: Relating to services for persons with inadequate resources; appropriating money; declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/6/14 S - President signed.
3/6/14 H - Speaker signed.
3/5/14 H - Rules suspended. Third reading. Carried by Doherty. Passed. Ayes, 56; Excused, 3--Berger, Conger, Weidner; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Speaker Kotek.
3/5/14 H - Second reading.
3/4/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Dembrow. Passed. Ayes, 30.
3/4/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
3/4/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass.
3/4/14 H - Referred to Ways and Means.
3/3/14 S - Second reading.
2/28/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng.)
2/28/14 S - Work Session held.
2/26/14 S - Returned to Full Committee.
2/26/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
2/17/14 S - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.
2/12/14 S - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
2/12/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
2/11/14 S - Work Session held.
2/4/14 S - Public Hearing held.
2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.
2/3/14 S - Referred to Health Care and Human Services, then Ways and Means.

SB 1560

Bill Info

Summary: Modifies requirements for health plan coverage of telemedical services.

Relating To: Relating to telemedicine; declaring an emergency.

Status: Dead

3/7/14 S - In committee upon adjournment.
2/11/14 S - Work Session held.
2/10/14 S - Public Hearing held.
2/6/14 S - Possible Work Session cancelled.
2/3/14 S - Referred to Health Care and Human Services.

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2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

SB 1565

Bill Info

Summary: Prohibits discrimination based on age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency or quality of life in issuance of health benefit plans and in determination of medical services covered by state medical assistance program.

Relating To: Relating to discrimination; declaring an emergency.

Status: Dead

3/7/14 S - In committee upon adjournment.

2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

2/3/14 S - Referred to Health Care and Human Services.

SB 1577A

Bill Info

Summary: Requires Department of State Police and all sheriffs and municipal police departments to adopt written policies relating to missing vulnerable adults on or before January 1, 2015.

Relating To: Relating to assistance; and declaring an emergency.

Status: Enrolled

3/10/14 S - Effective date, March 3, 2014.

3/10/14 S - Chapter 24, 2014 Laws.

3/3/14 S - Governor signed.

2/24/14 H - Speaker signed.

2/24/14 S - President signed.

2/21/14 H - Third reading. Carried by Harker. Passed. Ayes, 56; Excused, 2--Davis, Esquivel; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Komp, Thatcher.

2/20/14 H - Second reading.

2/20/14 H - Recommendation: Do pass.

2/19/14 H - Work Session held.

2/17/14 H - Public Hearing held.

2/14/14 H - Referred to Health Care.

2/14/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

2/13/14 S - Third reading. Carried by Knopp. Passed. Ayes, 30.

2/12/14 S - Second reading.

2/11/14 S - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

2/10/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

2/6/14 S - Possible Work Session cancelled.

2/3/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

2/3/14 S - Referred to Health Care and Human Services.

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Summary:

Relating To:

Status:

3/7/14 S - Filed With Secretary of State.

3/6/14 S - President signed.

3/6/14 H - Speaker signed.
3/5/14 H - Recommendation: Be adopted.
3/5/14 H - Read. Carried by Hoyle. Adopted. Ayes, 55; Nays, 2--Holvey, Thatcher; Excused, 3--Berger, Conger, Weidner.
3/4/14 H - Work Session held.
3/4/14 H - Referred to Rules.
3/4/14 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
3/4/14 S - Final reading. Carried by Ferrioli. Adopted. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--George.
3/3/14 S - Recommendation: Be adopted.
3/3/14 S - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
3/3/14 S - Second reading.
2/28/14 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.
2/28/14 S - Referred to Rules.