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Key to Program Acronyms
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Office of Developmental Disabilities Services ODDS
Self-Sufficiency Programs SSP
Vocational Rehabilitation VR

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ODHS House Bills

Adaptable Staffing

HB 2102
APD, VR, SSP, ODDS, CW
Effective date: June 11, 2021

House Bill 2102 requires ODHS to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Legislative Assembly on adaptable staffing no later than December 31, 2022.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2102

Removing Barriers to Permanency

HB 2104
CW
Did not pass

House Bill 2104 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of the ODHS Child Welfare Division to begin the process of removing barriers to permanency. The proposed technical fixes would have addressed situations involving multiple siblings in care, especially when one of them is a newborn. Under the current law, if a child is in foster care and one or all of that child’s younger siblings also enters the system, there is a chance that existing statutes would prohibit placement of the oldest child with a relative along with their siblings, even if one of those siblings still had a plan for reunification in place. This bill would have required a permanency plan of adoption to be in place before biological family members would be de-prioritized over current caretakers. In addition, this bill would have clarified jurisdiction to prevent inadvertent termination of wardship by the state without proper safety considerations.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2104

Supported Decision-Making

HB 2105
APD, CW, ODDS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2105 directs school districts to provide a child with disability and said child's parents with information regarding supported decision-making and strategies to remain engaged in child's secondary education and post-school outcomes.

Supported decision-making (SDM) is an alternative to guardianship which allows persons with a disability to choose trusted others, often family members, to support them in making their own decisions. Supports may include gathering information, helping persons with I/DD evaluate the information and understand the
consequences of a decision, communicating decisions to third parties and supporting persons with I/DD in taking responsibility for their decisions. Research shows individuals who can make their own decisions have better outcomes, are more independent and integrated into their communities, better employed, healthier, and better able to recognize and resist abuse. The bill will ensure parents are aware of SDM as an alternative to guardianship.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2105

Establishing the Office of Human Services Ombuds

HB 2106
CSS, ODDS
Did not pass

House Bill 2106 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of ODHS. The bill sought to codify the work of the Department’s Governor’s Advocacy Office (GAO) in statute by changing the Office of the Children’s Advocate to the Office of the Human Services Ombuds, renaming the Children’s Advocate the Human Services Ombudsperson, updating the scope of the office, requiring just cause for termination of the Human Services Ombudsperson, and establishing the background and experience required to serve as the Human Services Ombudsperson.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2106

Efficiencies for the Office of Payment Accuracy and Recovery

HB 2107
APD, CSS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2107 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of ODHS. The bill adds ODHS and OHA as recipients of the incarcerated individuals list under ORS 137.924 for purposes of suspending benefits in accordance with federal mandates and removes the signature requirement under ORS 18.855 for ODHS and the OHA for notices of garnishments.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2107

Independent Residence Facilities

HB 2108
CSS, CW, ODDS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2108 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of ODHS. The bill corrects contradictions in statute to allow the Department to establish, certify, license, and authorize Independent Residence Facilities (IRFs). IRFs are independent housing arrangements with minimal supervision and counseling services for certain current and former foster youth.
Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2108

**Protections for Minor Victims**

HB 2146  
CW  
Did not pass

House Bill 2146 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of the ODHS Child Welfare Division and proposed to provide children with immunity from prosecution when trafficked and to correct the term “prostitution” in statute to sexual contact with a minor. There was a similar competing measure introduced into the process, neither measure advanced through the process as there was not agreement among stakeholders.

Link to bill text:  
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2146

**State as Model Employer Program**

HB 2151  
APD, VR  
Did not pass

House Bill 2151 established the Task Force on the State as a Model Employer Program for the employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, required the task force to coordinate and provide leadership to increase the inclusion of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in employment in the State of Oregon, and to establish the State as a Model Employer program to encourage, educate, and assist state agencies in hiring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The State as a Model Employer program is an existing resource within ODHS which allows hiring managers in any state agency to direct-appoint a person with I/DD who is receiving services from the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) into specific pre-approved positions within State employment. House Bill 2105 codifies this resource within ODHS.

Link to bill text:  
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2151
ODHS Senate Bills

Child Welfare Placeholder

SB 84
CW
Did not pass

Senate Bill 84 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of the ODHS Child Welfare Division if needed to align statute with the proposed state FFPSA five-year Title IV-E Plan (Plan). However, the Plan was approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and statute changes were not needed.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB84

Child Welfare Omnibus

SB 85
CW
Effective date: June 23, 2021

Senate Bill 85 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of the ODHS Child Welfare Division. These fixes were needed following the parameters that were set for the use of Qualified Residential Treatment Programs with Senate Bill 171 (2019) and updates to those parameters with Senate Bill 1605 in the 2020 First Special Session. The intent was to align state and federal law related to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and during implementation and the rulemaking process it was realized further clarification was needed.

A late session amendment also codified state policies prohibiting retaliation against youth for openly sharing about their experiences while receiving child welfare services and prohibits disqualification of individuals who have been previously involved with the child welfare system from being child welfare service providers.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB85

Statute Alignment for Settings Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

SB 86
APD, ODDS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

Senate Bill 86 authorizes ODHS and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to revoke, suspend, impose conditions on or refuse to renew a license to operate a residential training facility or residential training home under specified conditions and to consider performance and experience of applicant or licensee who has operated a program or setting in other states or jurisdictions. Criteria for revoking, suspending, or imposing conditions on a license include; when there exists a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of a resident; when there is reliable evidence of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a resident; and when the facility or home is out of compliance with ORS 443.002 or 443.400 to 443.455 or the rules of the licensing agency. In cases where an imminent danger to the health or safety of the residents exists, a license may be suspended immediately.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB86
Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP) Functions

Senate Bill 88 corrects references to certain Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP) functions from ORS 430.664 to ORS 430.662 that were made inaccurate upon the passage of Senate Bill 20 during the 2019 legislative session. Inaccurate references that will be corrected are in ORS 427.005, 430.695, 417.349, 179.505, 497.162 and 417.349.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB88

Developmental Disabilities Residential Facility

Senate Bill 89 modifies the definition of developmental disabilities residential facilities, which was made inaccurate upon the passage of Senate Bill 243 in the 2017 legislative session. Senate Bill 243 expanded the definition of “Child in Care” to include children residing in a certified foster home or developmental disabilities residential facility. This legislation defined “developmental disabilities residential facility” as a residential facility or foster home for children who are 18 years of age or younger and receiving developmental disability services.

The term “18 years of age or younger” generated confusion in the field as it creates overlap in statutes concerning abuse and abuse investigation, as a) individuals who are 18 years of age are already included under the definition of individuals covered under the adult abuse statutes, and b) programs in the I/DD system are generally licensed or certified for individuals 17 years of age or younger, and adult programs are licensed for individuals who are 18 years and older. Senate Bill 89 eliminates this confusion by clarifying that developmental disability residential facilities refers to children who are 17 years of age or under

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB89

Client Privacy for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Senate Bill 90 protects the addresses of persons with I/DD who reside in in adult foster homes, residential training facilities and residential training homes from disclosure pursuant to a public records request unless discloser is in the public interest.
Confidentiality of Child Abuse Records

Senate Bill 92 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of ODHS. The bill sought to extend the existing child abuse reports and records protections to reports and records compiled under ORS 418.257 to 418.259. The Department was pursuing parity in child abuse record protections to protect the confidentiality of child abuse victims, protect the identity of those who report suspected child abuse and to ensure compliance with federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requirements. The bill would have applied the existing child abuse records protections in ORS 419B.035 to the investigations conducted under ORS 418 and would not make any modifications to those protections.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/SB92#

Shifting the Child-Caring Agencies Fund to a Child-Caring Agencies Account

Senate Bill 93 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of ODHS. The bill removes the requirement for funds collected by the Department as a result of civil penalties assessed on Child-Caring Agencies (CCAs) to be held separate and distinct from the General Fund. This will avoid the accrual of bank fees and enable more of the funds to be used to keep children and youth safe.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB93
Tracked House Bills: Passed

Extension of Moratorium on Foreclosures

HB 2009
CSS
Effective date: June 1, 2021

House Bill 2009 extended the policies put into place by House Bill 4204 (2020 First Special Session) to at least June 30, 2021 with the option to be extended by Executive Order issued by the Governor. House Bill 4204 which passed during the 2020 First Special Session limited the default remedies available to lenders for obligations secured by mortgages, trust deeds, and land sale contracts. Lenders were directed to defer both residential and commercial mortgage payments during the pandemic if a borrower is unable to pay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the emergency period courts were required to dismiss foreclosure proceedings and lenders were prohibited from charging fees and penalties related to non-payment. This deferral was set to last until at least September 2020 with deferred payments due at the end of the loan, unless the borrower and lenders determine alternative, agreeable terms.

Link to bill text:

Statewide Youth Reengagement

HB 2051
VR
Effective date: July 1, 2021

The 2019 Student Success Act established a statewide youth reengagement system to provide educational opportunities for students age 14 through 21 who were at risk of or who had already disengaged from the K-12 educational system. Youth who dropped out, were not exempt from attending full-time, or who were recommended for participation by certain entities are eligible to participate. House Bill 2051 expands eligibility for this program to youth up to age 24, adds to the list of entities who may recommend youth for participation, modifies enrollment criteria, and adds eligibility for students who are enrolled but may not graduate on time.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2051

Behavioral Health Crisis System

HB 2086
APD, CSS
Effective date: August 6, 2021

HB 2086 appropriates money from the General Fund to OHA to design a consolidated statewide crisis system and develop programs responsive to and driven by people of color, tribal communities, and people of lived experience. The bill funds nine behavioral health clinic demonstration sites to develop a sustainable payment model and develop a service array including culturally responsive services for meaningful and responsive
outpatient services. It increases funding to reintegrate criminal defendants with serious mental illness including the construction and operation of a secure residential treatment facility to serve up to 39 individuals per year.

The bill requires OHA to revise their Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) governing behavioral health programs and services to reduce administrative burdens, create an incentive fund to recruit and retain a workforce of color, Tribal members and rural based workers.

Lastly, the bill requires OHA to adopt OARs for Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to provide housing navigation services and address social determinants of health through care coordination.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2086

**Oregon Youth Employment Program**

HB 2092
CW
Effective date: January 1, 2022

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**Statewide 211 System**

HB 2119
CSS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2119 was introduced by Governor Brown on behalf of the Oregon Military Department (OMD) to shift responsibility for passing potential federal funds to a 211 system provider from OMD’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to ODHS and modifies dated and misleading language in statute that was established prior to the implementation of Oregon’s 211 system.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2119
Confidentiality of Services Provided to Crime Victims

HB 2155  
CW  
Effective date: January 1, 2022

To ensure confidentiality of services provided to crime victims, House Bill 2155 clarifies advocate privilege for employees of qualified domestic violence and sexual assault programs which are housed in a larger organization, exempting them from mandatory abuse reporting laws.

Link to bill text:  
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2155

Psychotropic Prescription Reporting

HB 2333  
CSS, CW  
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2333 requires quarterly reporting beginning in April 2022 to the legislature on the number of psychotropic prescriptions for youth in the custody of ODHS Child Welfare.

Link to bill text:  
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2333

Senior Medical Services Innovation Program

HB 2397  
APD  
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2397 preempts cities from passing local ordinances penalizing the care industry for misuse of emergency services and establishes the Senior Medical Services Innovation Program within ODHS. The program is responsible for selecting, funding, and monitoring local public sector emergency service pilot programs to provide emergency care for seniors living in nursing facilities, residential care facilities, and assisted living facilities. HB 2397 also establishes the Senior Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to ODHS. ODHS is responsible for staffing the advisory council and reporting to the legislature on the pilots.

Link to bill text:  
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2397
Expansion of Crisis Stabilization Services

HB 2417
APD, CSS, CW
Effective date: July 1, 2022

House Bill 2417 expands crisis stabilization services, including crisis stabilization centers, short-term respite facilities, peer respite centers, behavioral health urgent care walk-in centers and crisis hotline center. The bill directs OHA to provide grants to cities or funding to county community mental health programs to fund mobile crisis intervention teams and directs OHA to convene a work group to study and evaluate methods for continuing to fund mobile crisis intervention teams.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2417

Protected Leave During Emergencies

HB 2474
CSS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2474 modifies Oregon’s Family Leave Act (OFLA) by adding the need to care for a child during a public health emergency as an eligible circumstance to access OFLA. The bill also lowered the number of days an employee must have worked for an employer to be eligible for OFLA from 180 days to 30 days at an average of 25 hours a week during public health emergencies. Additionally, the bill updated terms related to pregnancy and childbirth to gender-neutral language.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2474

Governor’s Oregon Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

HB 2505
CW
Effective Date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2505 increases the membership of the Governor’s Oregon Child Foster Care Advisory Commission (CFCAC) from 11 to 13 members to allow for additional participation from current or former foster youth, foster parents, and biological parents involved in the foster care system. This bill also clarifies the appointing authority and requires the ODHS Child Welfare Division to provide the equivalent of at least one full-time policy analyst to support the Commission. Finally, the bill creates a Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee within the Commission to ensure the equitable provision of child welfare services.

Link to the bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2505
Investments for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

HB 2544
CSS, SSP
Effective date: September 25, 2021

House Bill 2544 appropriates $3.6 million to ODHS to enhance services to unaccompanied homeless youth. This bill establishes enhancement grants for existing organizations to increase their services for unaccompanied homeless youth and establishes grants for short and long-term host home projects. Host home projects facilitate an arrangement between an unaccompanied homeless youth and a private individual with the goal of achieving specific outcomes including but not limited to improved school attendance rates, increased access to nutrition, health care, and trauma-informed supports such as mental health treatment and transportation services. The Department is required to report the outcomes of the host home projects to the Legislative Assembly.

Link to the bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2544

Hunger Task Force Membership

HB 2834
SSP
Effective date: January 1, 2022

House Bill 2834 modifies the membership composition of the Hunger Task Force within ODHS. Membership changes include a joint appointment by the President and Speaker of a human services committee member, moving from naming specific organizations to the population they serve or services they provide, and dedicating nine membership spots to Oregonians who have experienced food insecurity.

The bill also changes the quorum requirement from one-half of the members to a majority of voting members, specifies that members of the Legislative Assembly are nonvoting members and sets term limits for members of the task force.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2834

Benefit Navigators for Universities and Community Colleges

HB 2835
ODDS, SSP, VR
Effective date: July 27, 2021

House Bill 2835 requires public universities and community colleges to train and hire Benefit Navigators to assist students in applying for and navigating benefit programs. The bill also requires the ODHS to assist colleges and universities in providing trainings for the benefit programs administered by the Department.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2835
Early Learning Transformation

House Bill 3073 increases access to affordable, high-quality learning experiences and supports for children and families by establishing a new early learning agency. The new agency, the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC), will consolidate early childcare services into one state agency, including licensing, registration and the distribution of state and federal childcare funds. Most of these key functions currently exist in the Early Learning Division (ELD), which is part of the Oregon Department of Education.

One of the programs that will be moving into the new agency is the Employment Related Day Care Program (ERDC). ERDC is currently housed in Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). ERDC is a childcare subsidy program, providing low-income families with access to stable, quality childcare. The program helps parents maintain stable employment on their path to self-sufficiency and allows children to access high-quality early care and education programs. The legislation also establishes additional eligibility and subsidy policies for ERDC to expand access and flexibility for families and providers across the state.

The consolidation of early childcare services and ERDC will create a childcare and early learning system that is more responsive to children, families and providers. This new agency will oversee the licensing, registration and the distribution of state and federal childcare funds. Over the next two years, ODHS will work with stakeholders to deliver ERDC from ODHS to DELC. The transfer of ERDC to DELC will be completed on July 1, 2023 when implementation is complete.

To see the anticipated implementation timeline, visit this link.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3073

Crib Bumper Ban

In 2017, the ODHS Child Welfare Division identified sleep-related death as a systemic issue impacting the safety and well-being of children in Oregon who come in contact with Child Welfare. The passage of House Bill 3379 reinforces the messaging to Oregon’s families to place infants on a sleep surface free and clear of potential suffocation hazards by banning crib bumpers.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3379
Tracked Senate Bills: Passed

Nursing Delegation

Senate Bill 39 was introduced by Governor Brown as an omnibus for the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN). This bill updates definitions, changes the time on the deadline for renewal of licensure and authority to prescribe and clarifies OSBN’s rulemaking authority. On the changes to the requirements for rules providing for delegation of nursing care, to avoid unintended consequences the ODHS Child Welfare Division will work with OSBN to ensure foster parents are not included in the category of community caregivers for medication administration delegation.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB39

Disclosure of Information to Oregon Youth Authority

Senate Bill 135 permits the disclosure of information from law enforcement on investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). Specifies requirements related to further disclosure including for purposes of second look hearings.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB135

Staffing in Residential and Long-Term Care Facilities

Senate Bill 266 requires ODHS to assess whether residential care facilities or facilities with memory care endorsements have enough qualified direct support staff to meet the scheduled and unscheduled needs of residents at all times. The bill requires the Department to prioritize the health, welfare, safety and rights of residents in regulating residential care facilities and long-term care facilities, requires the department to impose conditions on the license of a residential care facility or long-term care facility in response to a finding of immediate jeopardy, and requires a framework developed by the department for assessing regulatory compliance of residential care facilities. The bill requires the Department to post a notice online that a facility is in the enhanced oversight and supervision program and requires the Department, no later than April 1, 2022, to fully implement the enhanced oversight and supervision programs and report to the Legislative Assembly on publishing and distribution of the compliance framework and implementation of the enhanced oversight and supervision program.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB266
Visitation During School Day

SB 279
CSS, CW
Effective June 15, 2021

To the extent practicable, Senate Bill 279 requires the ODHS Child Welfare Division to avoid scheduling visitation for children in foster care during the school day. For those instances where it is not possible, the information must be noted and reported back to the Legislative Assembly every semester of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. The information reported includes the number, age and grade level of children absent due to visitation and the most common reason why visitations were not scheduled outside school hours.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB279

Technical Fixes to Criminal Record Checks

SB 280
CSS, ODDS
Effective date: June 8, 2021

Senate Bill 280 makes technical fixes to the statutory language created by Senate Bill 725, which passed in the 2019 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 725 (2019) prohibited ODHS and OHA from completing a criminal record check on certain individuals more often than once in a two-year period, with some exceptions. This change created an unintended impact to the Long-Term Care Registry (LTCR). The bill corrects this by allowing no more than one criminal record check in an 18-month period. The bill also enables ODHS and OHA to determine by rule the instances that would be burdensome for an individual to wait the 18-month period for a new criminal records check.

Senate Bill 725 (2019) also established that Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUIIs) convictions may be not considered unless there is more than one conviction in a five-year period. Senate Bill 280 creates parity by including Boating Under the Influence (BUI) and equivalent crimes in other jurisdictions.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB280

Task Force on Universal Health Care

SB 428
APD
Effective date: July 19, 2021

Senate Bill 428 extends the deadline for the Task Force on Universal Health Care to submit their report from the 2021 Legislative Session to the 2022 Legislative Session.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB428
Oregon Liquor Control Commission Reporting Requirements

SB 515  CW
Effective date: September 25, 2021

Senate Bill 515 requires employees of businesses with a liquor license to report suspected sex trafficking to law enforcement and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). The bill also establishes reporting requirements to OLCC for suspected employment of minors as adult entertainment performers.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB515

On Site Inspections

SB 556  APD, ODDS
Effective date: June 15, 2021

Senate Bill 556 clarifies that on-site inspections must be in person for health care facilities, home health agencies, residential care facilities, adult foster homes, hospice programs and qualified residential treatment programs.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB556

Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act

SB 562  CW
Effective date: September 25, 2021

Senate Bill 562 makes technical corrections to the Oregon Indian Welfare Child Welfare Act (OR-ICWA) and requires in part that ODHS take certain steps when there is reason to know that a child is a Tribal member after the child is relinquished or surrendered to the agency.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB562
Youth Suicide Prevention and Interventions

SB 563
CW
Effective date: May 21, 2021

OHA’s Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee develops and maintains strategies described in the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan (Plan). The Plan addresses youth access to mental health interventions, best practices for intervention, increasing outreach to at-risk youth, improving intervention opportunities through social media and the internet and involving coordination and communications between educational institutions, local mental health authorities and organizations that serve youth, among other local partners. Provisions governing youth suicide prevention and interventions are currently applicable to youth 10 to 24 years old. Senate Bill 563 expands applicability of provisions to include children 5 to 10 years of age.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB563

Public Workforce Development System Assessment

SB 623
ODDS, SSP, VR
Effective date: June 11, 2021

Senate Bill 623 establishes the Committee for Continuous Improvement, which will be responsible for working with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board, state workforce agencies and local workforce development boards to assess the effectiveness of the public workforce development system. No later than September 2021, the committee is to contract with a third-party entity to conduct an assessment that specifically focuses on recommendations to prioritize services to individuals and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Within 45 days of receiving the assessment from the third-party contractor the committee is required to submit a report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. Further, the committee is required to contract with a third-party entity every even-numbered year to complete a comprehensive assessment of the public workforce system. Results of these assessments are to be reported to the Governor and Legislative Assembly by December of each even-numbered year.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB623

Quality Metrics Council Expansion

SB 703
APD, CSS, ODDS
Effective date: January 1, 2022

Senate Bill 703 expands the quality metrics council by adding one member to represent direct care workers and requires ODHS to conduct a study of cost/revenue factors in Long-Term Care facilities and report to the Legislative Assembly by January 2021.
Out of State Placement Information

SB 707
CSS, CW
Effective date: July 14, 2021

By October 2021, Senate Bill 707 requires the ODHS to provide children who were placed by the agency in an out-of-state residential facility, between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2020, and their representatives, notices of their rights to request certain information and to seek civil remedy for negligent treatment. Upon request, ODHS is required to provide information including incident reports, injuries and abuse allegations, regarding the child while placed in the out-of-state residential facility. ODHS is also required to report to the Legislative Assembly on the progress of those efforts by January 2022.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB707

Regulating the Use of Restraints in Child-Caring Agencies and Establishing New Child-Caring Agency Type

SB 710
CSS, CW, ODDS
Effective date: September 1, 2021

Senate Bill 710 increases regulations around the use of restraints for children in care, specifies when they are permissible, requires those administering restraints to be trained, outlines procedures to be followed when restraints occur, requires quarterly reports from Child-Caring Agencies (CCAs) regarding the use of restraints and requires specific notifications regarding restraints be given to youth when placed in CCAs. Additionally, this bill creates a new CCA type by requiring secure transport companies to be licensed as CCAs.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB710

Staffing in Residential Care Facilities

SB 714
APD
Effective date: September 25, 2021

Senate Bill 714 requires ODHS to pilot an acuity-based staffing tool for residential care facilities and establish specified requirements for the use of the tool by residential care facilities. The bill requires the Department to establish specified requirements for use of said acuity-based staffing tool and requires the department to assess staffing levels each time the department conducts a survey, license approval or investigation into certain types of complaints and specifies requirements for assessment of staffing levels. The bill requires a facility with memory care endorsement to adopt either the ODHS-provided acuity-based staffing tool or a tool that meets requirements...
established by ODHS in rule by February 2022. Finally, the bill requires the Department to take specified steps if a facility is not using the acuity-based staffing tool or is not meeting the scheduled and unscheduled needs of residents at all times.

Link to bill text: 
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB714

**Child-Caring Agency Referral Agents**

SB 749  
CSS  
Effective date: July 19, 2021

Senate Bill 749 requires that professionals, who are often referred to as “educational consultants,” who provide referrals to CCAs be registered as referral agents with the Department. The bill places expectations around the registration and renewal of referral agents, outlines the expectations and research referral agents are to conduct prior to referring to a CCA and provides clients with civil recourse options.

Link to bill text: 
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB749

**Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement**

SB 778  
SSP  
Effective date: July 19, 2021

Senate Bill 778 established the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement within the Governor’s Office. The office is charged with operating a statewide immigrant and refugee integration strategy through advocacy, data collection and monitoring, tracking state legislation and providing racial and ethnic impact statements and monitoring and publishing investments made by the state in support of immigrant and refugee populations.

Link to bill text: 
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB778

**Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program**

SB 800  
APD, ODDS  
Effective date: July 19, 2021

Pending federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Senate Bill 800 establishes the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program in OHA to provide supplemental health care benefits to eligible employees of long-term care facilities, residential facilities, and in-home care agencies. This bill also permits OHA to provide additional medical assistance payments to eligible employer participants. Costs associated with the program will be funded by the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Trust Fund also established in this bill.
Tracked House Bills: Not Passed

Long-Term Care Omnibus

House Bill 2327 would have required ODHS, in collaboration with OHA, to adopt rules creating requirements for long-term care facilities to respond to public health emergencies. The bill included provisions around availability, use and cleaning of personal protective equipment, screening of residents for infectious diseases, evacuation plans, staff training, updating emergency and rapid response plans, study of best practices to reduce air pollutants and spread of infectious disease and, isolation prevention plans that allow in-person contact if practicable.

The bill would have required ODHS to adopt rules requiring that long-term care providers acquire and maintain equipment to help facilitate virtual visitation for residents, personal protective equipment and a backup power source not installed or integrated into a facilities infrastructure and required ODHS to provide money to facilities to purchase said equipment. The bill directed ODHS to establish the Long-Term Care Emergency Preparedness Team and specified membership and duties for this team. Finally, the bill would have allowed ODHS to conduct virtual inspections of long-term care facilities during a public health emergency.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2327

Plant-Based Meals in Long-Term Care Facilities

House Bill 2348 would have required hospitals and long-term care facilities to make available to patients, residents, staff and visitors plant-based meals and beverages, prohibits hospitals from offering processed meats and would have required the Department of Corrections to make available to adults in custody plant-based meals any time meals are served.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2348

Resident Communication

House Bill 2394 would have required long-term care facilities, residential facilities, adult foster homes and facilities with memory care endorsements to have isolation prevention plans to enable residents to communicate
with other residents, family members, friends or other external support systems during a public emergency. The bill would have required facilities to provide assistive and supportive technology to facilitate contact with residents and authorized the Department to provide financial assistance to said facilities to enable purchase of necessary equipment and technology.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2394

**Child-Caring Agency Omnibus**

HB 2424
CSS, CW

House Bill 2424 would have enacted a grant and training program to improve the safety and treatment outcomes for children in Child-Caring Agencies, promoted regulatory compliance for service providers and improved the recruitment and retention of service providers. Among other things, the bill would have allocated funds to ODHS for the establishment of a Child Welfare Cultural Equity Program to improve culturally diverse services for children.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2424

**Osteogenesis Imperfecta Training**

HB 2759
APD, CSS, CW, ODDS

Osteogenesis imperfecta is a rare genetic condition that affects bone development, strength and appearance resulting in increased, high risk of fractures. House Bill 2759 would have required ODHS to include information on this disease in training and materials provided to staff responsible for investigating child or adult abuse allegations.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2759

**Gatekeeper Program**

HB 2791
APD

House Bill 2791 would have appropriated $2M to ODHS for development of gatekeeper programs to serve seniors and people with disabilities in local communities statewide. The Gatekeeper program is designed to build partnerships with, and train local organizations to identify at-risk older adults and adults with disabilities and refer them to local Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) offices for help and services. The program provides basic training to postal workers, meter readers, financial institutions, emergency responders, social service agencies and others in how to recognize warning signs and make a referral to the ADRC.
Age Discrimination Task Force

House Bill 2938 would have established an 11-member Task Force on Age Discrimination whose goal was to identify and evaluate the impacts of age discrimination in the workplace and establish policy recommendations to deter age discrimination. The bill also would have directed the task force to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to interim legislative committees related to business and labor by September 2022.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2938

Tracked Senate Bills: Not Passed

Employed Persons with Disabilities Program

Senate Bill 584 would have required ODHS to administer a program to provide Medicaid to employed individuals with disabilities and prohibited the Department from basing eligibility for the program on an individual’s income or resources.

The Department currently provides medical assistance to working individuals with disabilities through the Employed Persons with Disabilities (EPD) program. SB584 would require the Department to adopt two new medical assistance categories alongside the existing EPD program through a state plan amendment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These two new categories are defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XV) and (XVI).

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB584

Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing Fund

Senate Bill 724 would have established the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing fund within the State Treasury and appropriated money from the fund to ODHS for the purpose of administering programs for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing. The bill would have directed the Public Utility Commission to transfer money from the residential service protection and assistive telecommunication devices surcharge, not to exceed $500k per year, to the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing fund. Lastly, the bill would have directed the
Department to develop and issue a request for proposals and to select an eligible nonprofit organization to provide services funded through the fund.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB724

**Licensing in Settings Supporting Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

Senate Bill 725 would have prohibited ODHS from authorizing the license of a Limited Liability Company (LLC), for profit business, or organization in which a for profit or an LLC has a financial interest for individuals with I/DD. The bill would have prohibited the Department from authorizing the provision of residential programs or services for individuals with I/DD by a provider whose license was revoked in the last 10 years, or whose decision-making personnel were decision makers for another provider whose license was revoked in the last ten years. Finally, the bill would have prohibited the voluntary relinquishment of a license in lieu of its being revoked because of a death or serious injury in the program.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB725

**Additional Time for High School Completion**

In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Senate Bill 747 proposed to allow students who are in high school or who will enter high school next school year (2021-2022) additional time to complete graduation requirements. The additional time to complete high school would have been accomplished by increasing the age restrictions by two years for both students in general and special education.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB747

**Task Force on Guardianship and Conservatorship Reform**

Senate Bill 779 would have established a Task Force on Guardianship and Conservatorship Reform. The task force would have consisted of 21 members and would have studied the current status of protective proceedings in Oregon, issues of equity, discrimination, and racism in protective proceeding processes, challenges and opportunities with obtaining and compensating court appointed counsel for protected persons and current statutory and case law on protective proceedings.

Link to bill text:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB779
Affordable Housing for College Students

Senate Bill 851 proposed to appropriate funds to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for grants to programs providing affordable housing to houseless or housing insecure students attending a public university. If passed, this bill would have been helpful for young adults served by the Department.

Link to bill text: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB851

Budget Investments: Workforce

HR Recruitment

The Oregon Legislature allocated $10.7 million in total funding for 39 permanent positions to assist with agency recruitment, completing pay equity assessments, providing training and legal compliance, supporting labor negotiations, and handling workforce management issues.

Child Welfare Stabilization

A special purpose appropriations account totaling $15.4 million was created to eliminate double-fills and provide permanent funding for training and vacancies in the Child Welfare Programs Division.

Workforce Development

$10 million was allocated for training and apprenticeship programs, peer-to-peer support, wraparound services, and loan forgiveness programs for essential health care and long-term care programs. This program will adopt best practices on cultural competency and accessibility, consistent with the 2014 recommendations of the Service Equity Subcommittee at ODHS.

Budget Investments: Building Equity

Translation Services

Eleven positions were added to the Office of Publications and Creative Services to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services and promote easy access to services.

Addressing Service Equity

The Oregon Legislature allocated $3.8 in funding to improve system equity at ODHS. Funding will help the Office of Equity and Multicultural Services coordinate with programs like the ODDS to improve services for historically disadvantaged groups and communities of color.

Community Developmental Disability Programs

The Oregon Legislature allocated funding to study and make recommendations to improve culturally and linguistically services at community developmental disability programs.
Budget Investments: Improving Access to Services

Emergency Food Supply Stabilization

$14 million in Other Funds limitation are to be transferred to ODHS from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for emergency food supply stabilization.

Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB)

The Oregon Legislature allocated $4 million General Funds for the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) program as proposed by Senate Bill 555. The DUFB program is a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) incentive program and for every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm share programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers receive a dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

Wildfire Recovery

The Oregon Legislature allocated approximately $76.5 million in funding to feed and shelter people in Oregon impacted by the 2020 wildfires across the state of Oregon. The funding also adds nine limited-duration positions to administer the sheltering and feeding program.

Survivor Investment Partnership (SIP)

The ODHS Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) developed Policy Option Package 130 in partnership with the Governor’s Office, Oregon’s Nine Federally Recognized Tribes, culturally specific Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) providers and the Department’s partner DVSA providers statewide. SIP recognizes that Tribes and culturally specific organizations know their communities best and survivors know their circumstances best. The Oregon Legislature allocated $10M General Funds to the SIP program, which will increase the accessibility of advocacy services and meaningful financial support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, including Tribal communities, individuals without children and vulnerable populations.

Family Preservation and Prevention Services

The Oregon Legislature allocated $4.6 million in funding and 29 permanent positions in the Child Welfare Safety program to create a Family Preservation and Prevention program to develop internal infrastructure to provide supports and coordination of community-based prevention services to children and families.

Independent Living Program Expansion

The Oregon Legislature allocated $5.9 million in funding and two permanent positions in the Foster Care and Youth Transitions Unit to expand the Independent Living Program through a tiered service model that includes new services for youth aged 14 through 16 and more intensive supports for youth aged 16 through 22, with a goal of improving outcomes for youth in their young adulthood.

Foster Care Respite Care Program

The Oregon Legislature allocated $18.2 million in funding and one permanent position to develop a statewide Respite Business Plan which overlays with the Behavioral Rehabilitative Services (BRS) infrastructure. Respite care services would be provided through the BRS Proctor Care system using either the Child Welfare or CCO funding models.
Oregon Project Independence (OPI)
The Oregon Legislature allocated $4.4 million in funding and 52 position to expand OPI and create a new Family Caregiver Supports program. This funding expands OPI to assist consumers who need lighter supports to continue living at home and creates a program to support consumers receiving supports from unpaid or family caregivers.

Budget Investments Supporting Oregonians (Well-Being)

Social Security Utilization
The Oregon Legislature provided funding to support Social Security Administration utilization for the ODHS Youth and Workforce program.

Oregon Hunger Response Fund
The Oregon Legislature allocated $1.7 million in General Funds for the Oregon Hunger Response Fund. The Oregon Hunger Response Fund is the means by which the Department allocates funds for the statewide network of food banks and emergency food programs to acquire food and new food sources, build network capacities and link emergency food clients to other services.

New Rate Model
The Oregon Legislature allocated approximately $45 million in funding for direct service professionals who provide in-home care services or work at assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing facilities. The increased rates will be phrased in with full implementation starting on July 1, 2022.
Budget Notes

Full Funding of New Rate Models

The Oregon Legislature has directed the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) to fully fund new rate models for agency providers of adult and children’s group home services, day support services, employment services, attendant care, supported living and non-medical transportation. ODDS shall make a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to use funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for this purpose. If the use of ARPA funds is not approved, ODDS is directed to submit a request to the Emergency Board for the required funding.

Long-Term Care Workforce Development and Training

The Oregon Department of Human Services is directed to work with appropriate stakeholder groups to develop or expand programs that will improve the skill level and training of workers in the long-term care sector as well as create better pathways to continued education and professional advancement for workers. Programs may include, but are not be limited to, loan forgiveness, tuition reimbursement, apprenticeship programs and other professional development, education, or training opportunities and incentives for long-term care workers. The department shall report to the 2022 Interim Joint Subcommittee on Human Services on the implementation of these programs.

Refugee Extended Case Management and Employment Support Services

The Oregon Legislature directed $4.3 million General Fund to the Department for refugee extended case management and employment support services through grants awarded to entities who meet the specified criteria.

Long-Term Care Investment

The Oregon Legislature allocated $44.4 million General Fund for enhanced rates and wages in assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing facilities and in-home care services; $1.4 million General Fund for workforce development and training; and $14 million Other Funds for a new Capital Improvement and Emergency Preparedness Program.

Improving Access to Mental Health Treatment Services

The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) shall work together to identify barriers that individuals served by Aging and People with Disabilities program (APD) and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) experience accessing and receiving mental health treatment services through Medicaid, develop strategies to address these barriers and assess and develop strategies to remove barriers that prevent individuals with mental illness from accessing long-term services and supports. The departments shall report the results of this work to the human services committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than February 28, 2022.

American Rescue Plan Spending

The Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority will report on the status of implementation of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) investment plan related to the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The reports shall include: (1) information on the status of federal approval of the state’s investment plan and any changes to the scope of the activities in the plan; (2) updated estimates of the total amount of funds attributable to the increase in FMAP that Oregon anticipates claiming; and (3) actual and projected expenditures for activities in the investment plan.
between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2024. The Department shall provide the Legislative Fiscal Office a copy of the quarterly spending plans and narrative submissions provided to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Family Treatment Court**

The Oregon Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Human Services, Criminal Justice Commission, and the Housing and Community Services Department are requested to report jointly to the Legislature the criteria needed for the establishment of a statewide Family Treatment Court program and any alternative programs which could achieve the objectives of a Family Treatment Court Program. The report is to be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on or before February 1, 2022.