

Oregon Department of Human Services

2022 Legislative Summary



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FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Oregon Legislature's 2022 session came to a close on March 4, delivering a number of important gains for Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and the people we serve. ODHS' legislative priorities for 2022 reflected three agency-wide goals – **strengthening our foundations, responding to emergencies, and creating the future of human services**. As you'll read in the summaries that follow, the session resulted in investments that will advance our work in all three areas.

Of particular note is [House Bill 5202](#), a far-reaching spending package that will support projects around the state. The bill contains more than a dozen ODHS budget adjustments and program investments that will enable great progress toward our goals over the remainder of the biennium. Key among these was \$26.1 million for Self-Sufficiency Programs to make important improvements to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in Oregon. From issuing new clothing allowances to expanding program access, the funds will activate much-needed, upstream solutions for families – and unlock the largest increase to the TANF benefit in our state's history.

Children and families across Oregon will also benefit from House Bill 5202's investments in the state's child welfare systems: The legislature approved \$15.9 million and 99 permanent staff positions that will allow ODHS Child Welfare to strengthen central operations and provide enhanced coaching and guidance to child welfare workers around the state. Child Welfare also joined with the Oregon Youth Authority to request support for the state's Behavior Rehabilitation Services, a statewide program serving children who have specialized needs. I am happy to report that the legislature fully funded that request.

We look forward to welcoming the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, which was transferred from the Governor's Office to ODHS per [Senate Bill 1550](#). The office is charged with operating a statewide immigrant and refugee integration strategy that includes advocacy and data collection – work that directly aligns with our existing efforts to support immigrants and refugees as they resettle and rebuild their lives in Oregon.

We find more reasons to celebrate as we look beyond our agency at broader wins for the people we serve. From expanding families' [equitable access to child care](#) to guaranteeing [overtime pay for farmworkers](#), the legislature made significant investments in efforts that align with our [Equity North Star](#).

The investments highlighted throughout this report are vital supports for ODHS' ongoing work – work that, in turn, provides vital supports to people in our state. We thank the legislature for demonstrating its steadfast commitment to human services, and we look forward to our continued partnership as we help bring that commitment to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fariborz Pakseresht". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS



Human services provide key supports for people at every stage of life. From child abuse prevention to cash assistance for young families to meals for older adults, these supports are the brick and mortar in building communities' well-being. As with any building effort, human services require skilled craftspeople – the staff and providers who partner with communities to carry out our work around the state.

In passing [House Bill 5202](#), the Oregon Legislature approved a number of investments in the state's human services workforce, including those highlighted below. Together, these investments will substantially strengthen ODHS foundations and allow us to keep our operational trains running.

- \$12.9 million in repurposed savings to support providers who serve children and families through the Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) program;
- \$3.6 million to increase provider rates for Vocational Rehabilitation employment services;
- Four permanent Regional Workforce and Business Coordinator positions to expand Vocational Rehabilitation program's employer partnership efforts;
- \$11.6 million to fund employee-retention incentive payments for direct care workers in nursing facilities, child and adult group homes, and the Stabilization and Crisis Unit;
- \$58.2 million to support the cost of collective bargaining agreements for non-state employees;
- \$435.6 million and 95 limited-duration positions for Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) that support people with disabilities and people who are aging.
- 99 central office staff positions to support the Child Welfare program; and
- \$3.2 million and 18 permanent, full-time positions for administrative support to ODHS and Oregon Health Authority.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES



Preparedness is a fundamental part of well-being, increasing our security in the face of future uncertainties and making resilience truly achievable. ODHS Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM) plays a dual role in this area, providing emergency assistance in times of disaster while investing year-round in community resilience.

Simultaneously, through its partnerships with Tribes, community-based organizations, and the private sector, OREM continues to build a statewide network of communities that are well prepared to navigate future emergencies.

In 2021, House Bill 5006 allocated nine limited-duration positions to OREM to support wildfire recovery and other disaster response efforts. This session, [House Bill 5202](#) made the nine positions permanent. Moving forward, OREM will continue to shelter and feed Afghan refugees and provide emergency shelter, meals, and wraparound services to survivors of the 2020 and 2021 wildfires. The team will also focus on initiatives to increase Oregon's disaster preparedness — expanding its Mass Care Response Teams, assisting communities in establishing cooling and clean air centers for use during extreme heat and wildfire events, and conducting exercises at key sites throughout the state in preparation for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

House Bill 5202 also secured \$1 million for 211info, a contact center that helps connect Oregonians to a range of health and social services including emergency food and shelter. The investment will make this critical service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, representing an important step toward greater statewide emergency preparedness.

Another important focus for ODHS this session was [Senate Bill 1533](#), which directs the agency to establish a grant program that will allow local governments and Oregon's federally recognized Tribes to plan and operate cleaner air spaces and smoke filtration systems. The funds will address critical gaps in community resilience, particularly for Tribes and localities that are especially vulnerable to wildfire impacts.

CREATING THE FUTURE



ODHS envisions a future in which all who live in Oregon, regardless of race, identity, age, disability, gender, or place, have the needed supports to build well-being for themselves, their families, and their communities. Over the next two biennia, ODHS will realize this vision through the [Building Well-being initiative](#), an agency-wide effort for transforming human services in Oregon.

Guided by our Equity North Star, the initiative will break down program siloes in favor of a holistic, person-centered service model and work directly with communities and other partners to design programs and deliver services. While Building Well-being will guide agency efforts for years to come, the legislative investments highlighted below will enable important strides right away.

Of special note is [House Bill 5202](#)'s investment in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. [Research](#) indicates that measures to reduce child poverty promote greater well-being for children well into adulthood – contributing to a stronger social fabric that benefits everyone. This increase of \$1 million in state dollars and \$25.1 million in federal funds will allow program changes aimed at reducing child poverty and improving outcomes for participating families. The package includes:

- Funds to increase the TANF resource limit from \$2,500 to \$10,000, allowing families to retain more of their resources while still qualifying for cash assistance;
- Funds that will allow ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs to preserve 75 percent of the monthly TANF cash grant for dependent children in cases where an adult in the family is disqualified from the program;
- Support for a clothing benefit that will provide participating families with three seasonal clothing allowances per year; and
- The expansion of Oregon's statewide Family Support and Connections program to serve more families, prioritizing Black, Indigenous, and families of color.

We can also support well-being in important ways by promoting equitable access to well-paying careers – a central aim of [Future Ready Oregon](#) (Senate Bill 1545). A Governor's Office priority for 2022, the bill invests in a broad range of workforce strategies designed to connect Oregonians with the job training, education, and other resources they need to enter rewarding, skilled careers. Among these strategies is the Prosperity 10,000 Program, an initiative administered by local workforce development boards with grants from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Prioritizing Tribal members, communities of color, people with disabilities, women, rural residents, and members of Oregon's LGBTQIA2S+ communities, the program aims to increase participants' career training opportunities in technology, health care, and manufacturing. The bill sets into motion several important developments for ODHS and the people we serve, including:

- The incorporation of the SNAP Employment and Training Program into Prosperity 10,000, which will help to ensure that people experiencing low or no income will have access to this key support;
- A new collaboration between the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and community partners to ensure that Prosperity 10,000 benefits meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- The availability of additional employment services for clients with disabilities through Vocational Rehabilitation providers around the state.

[Senate Bill 1550](#), which transfers the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement from the Governor's Office to ODHS, also advances our vision of well-being for all who live in Oregon. Under the leadership of newly appointed Director Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie, the office will work to improve outcomes for immigrants and refugees by connecting people to long-term supports and services while collecting data to better understand the needs of both populations.



BUDGET SUMMARY



The Oregon Legislature's 2022 investments in ODHS resulted in a general fund increase of **\$153 million** and **310 additional staff positions** across the agency.

ODHS Program	General Fund	Other Funds	Federal Funds
Aging and People with Disabilities	\$ 9,401,367	\$ 70,051,859	\$ 157,285,268
Central and Shared Services	\$ 38,100,523	\$ 55,203,308	\$ 25,852,526
Child Welfare	\$ 29,114,624	\$ (2,699,323)	\$ 14,286,578
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services	\$ 30,216,490	\$ 6,628,242	\$ 343,754,746
Self-Sufficiency Programs	\$ 45,323,302	\$ (493,342)	\$ 46,386,173
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 572,151	\$ 3,620,030	\$ 18,922,356
Total Increase	\$ 152,728,457	\$ 132,310,774	\$ 606,487,647

TRACKED LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE

BILL	TOPIC	ODHS UNIT(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE
HB 4003	Nurse internships	APD, CW	Gov. signature
HB 4004	Workforce development: behavioral health	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4005	Transition to Department of Early Learning and Care	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4011	Workforce diversity: providers	CW	Did not pass
HB 4012	Provider rate structure for child caring agencies	APD, CW	3 Jun 2022
HB 4013	Unaccompanied homeless youth grants	CW	3 Jun 2022
HB 4016	Marijuana licenses	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4027	Nonresidential alarm systems	APD, CW	1 Jan 2023
HB 4033	Early childhood services to Tribal communities	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4034	Omnibus bill relating to health care	APD, CW	Gov. signature
HB 4035	Medical assistance program redeterminations	APD	Gov. signature

ACRONYMS KEY

HB - House Bill **SB** - Senate Bill
ESD - Education Service District
ORS - Oregon Revised Statutes
SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Oregon Department of Human Services Units

APD - Aging and People with Disabilities
CS - Central Services
CW - Child Welfare
ODDS - Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
OEMS - Office of Equity and Multicultural Services
OEP - Oregon Eligibility Program
SSP - Self-Sufficiency Programs
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation

BILL	TOPIC	ODHS UNIT(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE
HB 4039	Coordinated care organizations' expenditures on social determinants of health and health equity	APD	Did not pass
HB 4051	Task force on homelessness and racial disparities	CW	3 Jun 2022
HB 4058	Air conditioner/filter and heat pump deployment	APD	Did not pass
HB 4059	Contract labor standards redefined	CS, VR	Gov. signature
HB 4068	Oregon Homeland Security transfers to Office of Emergency Management	CS	Gov. signature
HB 4070	Consumer Advisory Council	CW	3 Jun 2022
HB 4071	Workforce diversity: behavioral health	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4074	Omnibus cannabis bill	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4075	Restitution modifications	CW	1 Jan 2023
HB 4079	Oregon Freedom pilot program	APD, CW CS, SSP	Did not pass
HB 4088	SNAP Restaurant Meals Program	APD, CS SSP	Did not pass
HB 4093	Genuine Progress Indicator	SSP	Did not pass
HB 4095	Veterans Dental Program	OEP	3 Jun 2022
HB 4096	Volunteer health care practitioners	APD	3 Jun 2022
HB 4104	Workforce development	CS, ODDS SSP, VR	Did not pass
HB 4110	Police records access by victims	CS, SSP CW	Did not pass
HB 4117	Tax education grant program	CW	3 Jun 2022

BILL	TOPIC	ODHS UNIT(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE
HB 4119	Virtual public charter schools	CW	Did not pass
HB 4120	Court proceeding modifications	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4121	Child support referee	CW	1 Jan 2023
HB 4122	Grant program for DACA recipients	CS, ODDS SSP	Did not pass
HB 4123	Coordinated homeless response systems	CW	Gov. signature
HB 4126	Requirement for contract bids and proposals	APD	Did not pass
HB 4150	Statewide community information exchange	APD ODDS	Gov. signature
SB 1510	Right to refuse consent to search	CW	Gov. signature
SB 1512	Denial, suspension, or revocation of occupational license	APD, CS CW, ODDS	Did not pass
SB 1522	ESD educators as Transfer Council members	CW	Gov. signature
SB 1528	Services to people with traumatic brain injuries	APD	Did not pass
SB 1533	Grants for cleaner air spaces and smoke filtration systems	CS	3 Jun 2022
SB 1536	Indoor temperature control	APD, CS SSP	Gov. signature
SB 1538	Low-income dental care for citizens of Pacific Islands	CS, OEP	1 Jan 2023
SB 1545	Workforce development: Future Ready Oregon	APD, CW ODDS OEMS, VR	Gov. signature
SB 1547	Central background registry for preschool programs	CS, CW, ODDS, SSP	Gov. signature

BILL	TOPIC	ODHS UNIT(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE
SB 1548	Agency with choice services	APD, CS CW, ODDS SSP, VR	Gov. signature
SB 1549	Health care temporary staffing agencies	APD, CW	Gov. signature
SB 1550	Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement	ODHS	Gov. signature
SB 1554	Public health preparedness	APD	Gov. signature
SB 1555	Newborn nurse visit reimbursements	CW	1 Jan 2023
SB 1556	Online caregiver registry	APD, CS CW, ODDS	Gov. signature
SB 1560	Replacing the term “alien” with “noncitizen”	CS, OEP ODDS, VR	1 Jan 2023
SB 1562	Sign language interpreter license	ODDS, VR	Did not pass
SB 1563	Repeal ORS 182.168	CW	Did not pass
SB 1583	Standardized summative assessments	CW	Gov. signature
SB 1586	Unlawful employment practices	APD	1 Jan 2023



2022 KEY BILL SUMMARIES

HB 4003 | Nurse internships

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4003 directs the Oregon State Board of Nursing to issue nurse internship licenses to qualified applicants to practice nursing under the supervision of a registered nurse. The bill allows nonresident nurses to practice in Oregon up to ninety days under certain circumstances.

HB 4004 | Workforce development: behavioral health

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4004 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to distribute grants to behavioral health care providers for staff compensation and workforce retention and recruitment (to sunset January 2, 2023). It also requires OHA to contract with nurses and behavioral health professionals to provide care in residential behavioral health facilities, opioid treatment programs, withdrawal management programs and sobering centers to address staff shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (to sunset January 2, 2027).

HB 4005 | Transition to Department of Early Learning and Care

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4005 extends the date for the transition of the Early Learning Division to the Department of Early Learning and Care and corrects certain statutory cross-references related to the Central Background Check Registry. The bill modifies the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program to require certain individuals who are associated with a subsidized care provider to be enrolled in the Central Background Registry.

HB 4012 | Comprehensive provider rate structure review for child caring agencies

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4012 directs ODHS, in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), to conduct a comprehensive review of service provider rate structures for child caring agencies that are licensed by or contracted with ODHS, OHA, or OYA. A report is to be submitted no later than February 28, 2023 to interim legislative committees concerned with human services.

HB 4013 | Unaccompanied homeless youth grant program

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4013 is an omnibus bill directing the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish a pilot program to assist school districts in preventing student homelessness. The bill also directs ODHS to disburse two-year grants to certain organizations that provide services to unaccompanied young people who are experiencing homelessness and expands tuition and fee waivers to current and former foster youth.

HB 4033 | Early childhood services to Tribal communities

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4033 establishes a Tribal Advisory Committee under the Early Learning Council to advise on the delivery of culturally-specific early care and education services to Tribal communities. The bill also establishes the Tribal Early Learning Hub, which is to be designated by the Early Learning Council in consultation with the Tribal Advisory Committee.

HB 4034 | Omnibus bill relating to health care

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4034 is a health care omnibus bill that clarifies the permitted dispensation of pseudoephedrine and standards for the delivery of telemedicine, implements the Reproductive Health Equity Act, and extends the sharing of COVID-19 data to one year after the state of emergency was declared.

HB 4035 | Medical assistance program redeterminations / bridge program

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4035 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with ODHS and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to develop and implement a process for conducting medical assistance program redeterminations when the federal public health emergency ends. Requires the agencies to develop outreach, enrollment assistance, and communications strategies with advice from community and partner work groups. The bill also establishes a task force to develop a "bridge" program to provide affordable health insurance coverage and continuity of coverage to individuals who regularly enroll and disenroll in medical assistance program due to frequent income fluctuations. The task force is required to submit a recommendation report by July 31, 2022.

HB 4051 | Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4051 extends the sunset of the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities until January 2, 2026 and requires the task force to provide an interim report by September 15, 2022 and a final report by March 31, 2023 on specific pathways for policy changes.

HB 4068 | Transfer of Oregon Homeland Security Council

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4068 transfers the Oregon Homeland Security Council to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The bill also transfers the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and requires government officials and management to complete incident command, National Incident Management System, and emergency response education. It further established requirements for periodic emergency response exercises, sourcing emergency supplies, and an Oregon Resiliency Partnership Program. Finally, this legislation authorized the Governor and Department of Transportation to issue and extend commercial driver licenses during times of an emergency.

HB 4070 | Consumer Advisory Council

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4070 modifies the charge to and member appointment process for the Consumer Advisory Council, which assists and advises the Oregon Health Authority director on mental health, addiction, and substance use disorder services.

HB 4071 | Workforce diversity: behavioral health

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4071 modifies eligibility criteria for the behavioral health workforce incentive program as established in House Bill 2949 (2021) and directs Oregon Health Authority to provide incentives to increase provider recruitment and retention as well as access to culturally-specific and responsive services.

HB 4074 | Omnibus cannabis bill

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4074 requires employees of marijuana licensees to report human trafficking on licensed premises to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. The bill also allows retailers to relocate without having to reapply for a license when they are mistakenly licensed within 1,000 feet of a school, and it provides additional funding to community-based organizations responding to crises resulting from illegal marijuana operations.

HB 4075 | Restitution modifications

Effective January 1, 2023

House Bill 4075 modifies procedures for requesting and ordering restitution in criminal cases.

HB 4095 | Veterans Dental Program

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4095 establishes the Veterans Dental Program in the Oregon Health Authority to provide oral health care to low-income veterans beginning in 2023. The bill also establishes eligibility requirements for participants, such as Oregon residency.

HB 4096 | Volunteer health care practitioners

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4096 allows health care practitioners authorized in another state or US Territory to practice in the state of Oregon without compensation for a specified number of days without obtaining Oregon licensure, and it requires these practitioners to submit information to the appropriate health professional regulatory board.

HB 4117 | Tax education grant program

Effective June 3, 2022

House Bill 4117 directs ODHS to adopt by rule a grant program that provides funding to culturally specific and responsive organizations, Tribal governments, and underresourced rural community service organizations. The grant program will support outreach efforts regarding federal earned

income tax credits and provide tax navigation and preparation services to low-income Oregonians.

HB 4120 | Court proceeding modifications

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4120 authorizes courts to waive minimum fines in violation proceedings under certain circumstances. It also provides incarcerated people with lower-cost alternatives when they are unable to pay court filing fees, limits additional filing fees when requesting multiple orders, and extends the use of remote proceedings after the statewide emergency ends.

HB 4121 | Child support referee

Effective January 1, 2023

House Bill 4121 authorizes the presiding judge of a judicial district to appoint a child support referee to process or hear certain child support or parentage matters.

HB 4123 | Coordinated homeless response system

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4123 requires the Department of Administrative Services to provide grants for certain homeless response systems and requires recipients to report annually to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council, and interim committees of Legislative Assembly.

HB 4150 | Statewide community information exchange

Effective upon Governor's signature

House Bill 4150 requires the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene one or more groups of stakeholders and experts to explore options to accelerate, support, and improve statewide community information exchanges. It also requires the council to provide to interim legislative committees related to health and to human services a draft report by September 15, 2022 and a final report by January 31, 2023.

SB 1510 | Right to refuse consent to search

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1510 requires police officers to inform a stopped person of their right to refuse consent to search. The bill also prohibits police officers from initiating traffic stops based solely on certain traffic violations and requires specific training for the certification and continuing education of parole and probation officers.

SB 1533 | Grants for cleaner air spaces and smoke filtration systems

Effective June 3, 2022

Senate Bill 1533 makes public education providers and federally recognized Tribes in Oregon eligible for grants related to cleaner air spaces and smoke filtration systems.

SB 1536 | Indoor Temperature Control

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1536 is an omnibus bill addressing temperature concerns arising from extreme weather conditions. The bill also includes appropriations for a Heat Pump Deployment Fund, limits restrictions by landlords and others on portable cooling devices in residences, and requires that certain qualifying dwelling units provide adequate cooling facilities.

SB 1538 | Low-income dental care provided to citizens of Pacific Islands

Effective January 1, 2022

Senate Bill 1538 establishes the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Dental Program within the Oregon Health Authority to provide dental care to low-income citizens of COFA Pacific Islands who reside in Oregon.

SB 1545 | Future Ready Oregon

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1545 establishes the Prosperity 10,000 Program in the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The program – which aims to increase equitable access to training and career opportunities in technology, health care, and manufacturing – will prioritize communities of color, women, rural communities, Tribal members, people with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ Oregonians as beneficiaries. It also instructs ODHS to incorporate Prosperity 10,000 into the SNAP Employment and Training Program.

SB 1547 | Central background registry

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1547 is an omnibus bill that establishes a Central Background Registry in the Office of Child Care. It requires operators, employees, and certain volunteers of preschool and school-age recorded programs to be enrolled in the registry and directs the Office of Child Care to conduct certain investigations related to preschool and school-age recorded programs.

SB 1548 | Agency with choice services in home- and community-based care

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1548 requires ODHS to allow specified individuals receiving home- and community-based care to receive agency with choice services – a model in which people with intellectual or developmental disabilities are more directly involved in the planning, scheduling, and hiring of their support workers.

SB 1549 | Health care temporary staffing agencies

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1549 directs the Health Licensing Office to issue temporary staffing agency authorization to qualified applicants.

SB 1550 | Transfer of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1550 transfers the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement from the Office of the Governor to ODHS, along with the office's core personnel, records, and property. of the Governor's office will be transferred to the Department of Human Services. Further, employees who were responsible for the core competencies of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement will be transferred to the Department of Human Services.

SB 1554 | Public health preparedness

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1554 directs the Oregon Health Authority to study the state's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide a report on: (a) the approach and outcomes to the response, (b) health equity outcomes including second-hand health disparities, and (c) improvement recommendations, including recommendations for improving public health workforce challenges.

SB 1555 | Reimbursement of newborn nurse home visit services

Effective January 1, 2023

Senate Bill 1555 specifies reimbursement that must be paid by insurers covering universal new-born nurse home visiting services.

SB 1556 | Online caregiver registry

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1556 requires ODHS to establish a certification process for direct care providers of home- or community-based services and to implement an online registry of direct care providers. The bill also requires ODHS to work with community partners to design certification requirements and explore ways to improve caregivers' skill level and pathways for advancement. Finally, the bill directs ODHS to report to the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means on implementation as required in the department's 2021- 2023 biennial budget.

SB 1560 | Replacing the term 'alien' with 'noncitizen'

January 1, 2023

Senate Bill 1560 updates statutory and administrative references to individuals who are not citizens or nationals of the United States, directing state agencies to replace the term "alien" with "noncitizen."

SB 1583 | Summative learning assessments

Effective upon Governor's signature

Senate Bill 1583 directs the Oregon Department of Education to ensure that standardized summative tests are administered in Oregon schools the minimum extent practicable while still appropriately and effectively assessing students' academic achievement.

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