

## Senate Bill 1548: December 2022 updates

Bill section	Due date	Progress on implementation
<p>1. Directs ODDS to create “agency with choice” as a new option for individuals who choose in-home services.</p>	<p>Unspecified</p>	<p>Initially, ODDS worked to meet this requirement by dividing in-home agencies into two distinct service-delivery models: a more comprehensive “standard model agency” and an “employer model agency” that provides more supports for self-direction.</p> <p>Through feedback from community partners, ODDS learned this approach would not satisfy the need for “agency with choice” that prompted the legislation and paused implementation of the “employer model agency.” ODDS is actively developing an alternative option for in-home services that satisfies the intent of the bill and provides a meaningful choice in addition to the now-implemented “standard model agency.”</p> <p><b>What’s next:</b> ODDS will propose alternate approaches to bringing an “agency with choice” model to Oregon and invite community feedback.</p>
<p>2. Directs ODDS to ensure fiscal transparency and high</p>	<p>Oct. 1, 2023</p>	<p>This section of Senate Bill 1548 (SB 1548) includes two related topics: fiscal transparency and provider agency quality.</p>

<p>quality services from provider agencies</p>		<p><b>Fiscal transparency:</b> ODDS already contracts with National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDDDS) to conduct a survey of developmental disabilities service providers, the National Core Indicators (NCI). This survey captures related information on wages and benefits. ODDS intends to add questions specific to Oregon and SB1548 requirements. In early 2023, ODDS will invite community partners to share additional ideas about data collection, reporting, and ensuring wages and benefits improve alongside rate increases for direct support professionals. This feedback will be reflected in proposed rules and supporting guidance.</p> <p><b>Provider agency quality:</b> ODDS met with community partners about their priorities and ideas for addressing compliance concerns, improving initial provider applications, and the relationship of fees and penalties to compliance, as described in the bill. This feedback will be reflected in proposed rules.</p> <p><b>What's next:</b> ODDS will invite community partners to participate in rules advisory committees to weigh in on proposed rules. The rules will be permanent no later than Oct. 1, 2023.</p>
<p>3. Temporarily suspends building code requirements for sprinkler systems in</p>	<p>In effect</p>	<p>Transmittal <a href="#">PT-22-033</a> announced the suspension. It is ongoing.</p>

most 24-hour homes and foster care homes		
4. Requires the department and authority to complete and submit a report about the impact of residential sprinkle requirement on its programs	Oct. 1, 2022	Over the summer of 2022, ODDS and APD co-hosted community listening sessions to inform this report. The report was completed and submitted to the Legislature by the due date. Read it <a href="#">here</a> .
5. Directs APD to complete and submit a report about community based services.	Oct. 1, 2022	ODDS was not subject to this section.
6. Directs the Department to submit a report that recommends modernizing provider licensing and certification fees as well as civil penalties.	Oct. 1, 2022	Over the summer of 2022, ODDS held two listening sessions with community partners to gather feedback on civil penalties and licensing fees and inform this report. The report was completed and submitted to the Legislature by the due date. Read it <a href="#">here</a> .