

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits the Department of Human Services (DHS) from seeking child support from parents whose children have been removed from the home because of allegations of abuse and neglect if the department determines, after completion of a child protective services assessment, that the allegations of child abuse are unfounded.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Should not penalize a family twice
- Favored by the Dependency Work Group

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Parents with the financial means to do so have a legal obligation to support their underage children. If a parent fails to do so, the State of Oregon will provide support. In turn, the State of Oregon will seek reimbursement from the parent. If a child is removed from the home because of allegations of abuse or neglect, the state currently will seek reimbursement from the parent for support the state provides to the child.