

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Ferrioli, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Brown
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Specifies membership and duties of task force. Requires Oregon Health and Sciences University to staff the task force. Establishes Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome Fund in the State Treasury. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Damage caused by shaking a baby
- Alternative ways to calm a baby
- Reaching out to mothers, fathers, babysitters and others about the effects of shaking a baby
- Staffing of the task force
- Financial impact of the task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases task force membership to eight members. Requires task force to make recommendations about a video-based program for parents. Requires Oregon Health and Science University to staff the task force rather than the Department of Human Services. Establishes Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome Fund in the State Treasury.

BACKGROUND: Shaken baby syndrome is a type of traumatic brain injury that is inflicted when a baby is violently shaken. A baby has weak neck muscles and a large, heavy head. Shaking makes the fragile brain bounce back and forth inside the skull and causes bruising, swelling, and bleeding, which can lead to permanent, severe brain damage or death. Shaken baby injuries usually occur in children younger than 2 years old, but may be seen in children up to the age of 5.