

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<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>	2/20, 3/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a report to the appropriate legislative committee dealing with child welfare matters. Requires that the report to the legislature be filed on or before November 1 of each even-numbered year. Requires that the report include: (1) The number of children in foster care; (2) The number of children that have been in more than one foster care placement; (3) The number of placements each child with more than one placement has had; (4) The percentage of children placed apart from siblings; (5) The number of placement changes by foster children; (6) The number and percentage of children placed with relatives; and (7) The department's Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System annual report.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Legislature oversight
- Informing the public

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires that the report to the legislature be filed on or before November 1 of each even-numbered year rather than September 1. Expands the list of information to be reported to include: (4) The percentage of children placed apart from siblings; (5) The number of placement changes by foster children; (6) The number and percentage of children placed with relatives; and (7) The department's Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System annual report.

**BACKGROUND:** When a person under the age of 18 is living in conditions that endanger the welfare of the child or, among other reasons, the child has been abandoned, is being subjected to cruelty, depravity or unexplained physical injuries or is not being provided with the care and education the law requires, the State of Oregon will assume responsibility for protecting the child. The child comes under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court. If the child is removed from the home, the court usually awards custody to the Children, Adults and Families Division of the Department of Human Services.

The child is often placed in foster care. Some children have been placed in over 50 foster care homes while under the custody of DHS.