74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE:** SB 723 A **CARRIER:** 

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Health Policy & Public Affairs

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Action:

Means by prior reference

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> Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson Yeas:

Nays: Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$11 million from the General Fund to Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding the ongoing development and services of the Children's System Change Initiative to ensure that each child who needs mental health services receives the appropriate level of care.

## ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Low wages in children's mental health field make it difficult to maintain a steady, qualified workforce
- Success factors of wraparound services and Children's System Change Initiative to date

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Addiction and Mental Health (AMH), formerly known as Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), began planning for the implementation of the Children's Systems Change Initiative (CSCI) in response to input from a series of stakeholder workgroup meetings that directly informed Legislative Budget. As a state-wide systems reform effort, and in accordance with this legislation, the goals of the CSCI are to increase the availability and quality of individualized, intensive, and culturally competent home and community-based services so that children with serious mental, behavioral and emotional disorders and their families can be served in the most natural and least restrictive setting appropriate for their needs.