

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 282**

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 2

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Modifies definition of "foster home" to allow persons related to child by blood or marriage to be considered as foster parents to same extent as unrelated foster parents.

*[Requires Department of Human Services or another agency having guardianship or legal custody of child or ward to make diligent efforts to preserve familial relationships. Requires court placing child or ward in custody of department to make written findings on whether department actions constitute diligent efforts. Modifies provisions governing when permanency hearings must be held.]*

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to the maintenance of familial relationships of persons in the juvenile system; amending  
3 ORS 418.625.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.625 is amended to read:

6 418.625. As used in ORS 418.625 to 418.645:

7 (1) "Certificate" means a written approval to operate a foster home issued by the Department  
8 of Human Services on a form prescribed by the department that states the name of the foster parent,  
9 the address of the premises to which the certificate applies and the maximum number of children  
10 to be maintained or boarded in the foster home at any one time.

11 (2) "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

12 (3) "Foster home" means any home maintained by a person who has under the care of the person  
13 in *[such]* **the** home any child under the age of 21 years *[not related to the person by blood or marriage*  
14 *and]* unattended by *[its]* **the child's** parent or guardian, for the purpose of providing *[such]* **the** child  
15 with care, food and lodging, but does not include:

16 (a) Any boarding school that is essentially and primarily engaged in educational work;

17 (b) Any home in which a child is provided board and room by a school board;

18 (c) Any foster home under the direct supervision of a private child-caring agency or institution  
19 certified by the department;

20 (d) Any home under the direct supervision of a custodial parent for the purpose of providing  
21 respite care as defined by rule; or

22 (e) Any developmental disability child foster home as defined in ORS 443.830.  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.