

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/25, 4/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide, on a quarterly basis and at minimal cost, orientation for new child care providers who are not registered or certified, but are approved to receive funds from DHS for childcare services. Requires orientation to cover financial and food resources, reimbursements and provider rights and responsibilities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Improves quality of care for children
- Improves access and utilization of resources

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Makes requirement applicable only to new childcare providers and providers approved to receive funds from the Department of Human Services.

**BACKGROUND:** Advocates assert that a mandatory orientation system would give providers a basic understanding of the Department of Human Services (DHS) system and reduce administrative costs incurred due to provider mistakes. Providers would be trained in maintaining required records, minimum health and safety standards, and filling out forms and reports. Information about accessing other resources through private, state and federal programs, such as classes on CPR for infants and toddlers, the US Department of Agriculture food program and the enhanced rate training program, would result in improved quality of care for low-income children in Oregon. Homecare workers, providing a similar service to seniors and people with disabilities, already have a mandatory orientation system that has proven to be successful in the DHS homecare setting.