

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 3 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Maurer, VanOrman, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	Freeman, Huffman, Olson
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/3, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes the Private Child-Caring Agencies Fund for moneys received by the Department of Human Services for violations of 418.205 to 418.310 (child caring agencies).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Underfunding of private non-profits
- Need for more staff to make licensing and oversight process meaningful
- Questions of Department of Human Services efficiency
- Determining whether all agencies in licensing category should have same requirements applied

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Department of Human Services (DHS) Children, Adults and Families Division (CAF) is the licensing agency for private child caring agencies in Oregon, with the exception of hospital-based care and facilities licensed for children by the Seniors and People with Disabilities Division (SPD).

The CAF Licensing Unit monitors and oversees 237 licensed programs:

- All private adoption agencies;
- Homeless, runaway and transitional living centers;
- Academic boarding schools;
- Therapeutic boarding schools;
- Day treatment programs;
- Residential care facilities;
- Private foster care agencies; and
- Outdoor youth programs.

Many of Oregon's most vulnerable and clinically challenging children are in these programs.

According to DHS, other divisions charge licensing fees to agencies they regulate. In a survey of agencies similar to CAF in other states, 15 of 16 states reported charging licensing fees for services currently provided free by CAF. The State of Washington charges an annual fee of \$144 per licensed bed and a \$1,000 fee for a follow-up compliance survey resulting from a substantiated complaint. Implementation of HB 2990 will provide resources for increased administration and enforcement of licensing rules applying to private child caring agencies across Oregon by designating related fines to the established fund.