

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/17, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to enter into the necessary agreements to carry out the requirements of the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. Requires the DHS to work with the US Department of State to implement convention requirements for convention adoptions. Requires DHS to develop minimum requirements for placement and supervision of children who are the subject of an outgoing adoption subject to the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Compliance issues
- Schedule for adoption of policies
- Entry into agreements with non signatories of the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to work with the US Department of State to implement convention requirements for convention adoptions. Requires DHS to develop minimum requirements for placement and supervision of children who are the subject of an outgoing adoption subject to the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

BACKGROUND: Concerns about the effectiveness of processes in other countries led to the creation of HB 3471. According to the Department of Human Services, the bill allows the agency to interact with other countries on a more equal basis and with the support of the US Department of State. Additionally, as an Oregon agency DHS is required to follow Oregon laws and the bill provides a statutory basis for the department to require certain safeguards from other countries before a child is placed out of the United States for adoption.