

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3273

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Allows the Department of Human Services to contract with local victim services providers to place staff members from victim services providers at child welfare offices.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Analysis		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This measure permits the Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with local victim services providers to place staff members from victim services providers at child welfare offices for the purpose of allowing the staff members to divide their time between the child welfare office and staff member's office to foster a closer working relationship between the child welfare system and victim services providers. The bill defines "victim services provider" as a nonprofit agency or program receiving moneys administered by the DHS or the Department of Justice that offers safety planning, counseling, support or advocacy to victims of domestic violence. The bill directs DHS to consult with victim service providers in creating policies and protocols to coordinate this collaboration. The bill specifies that staff from victim services providers will provide in-depth safety planning, education, advocacy and continuing support to adult victims of domestic violence who have children in the child welfare system; receive referrals on cases that are closed at assessment; and participate in case reviews and provide consultation to workers at the child welfare office. The bill does not stipulate the role and responsibility of DHS child welfare offices.

The fiscal impact of contracting with local victim services providers is indeterminate because the bill does not specify what services DHS is required to provide staff from local victim services providers.