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Meeting Dates:	2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines respite services. Exempts providers of parental respite services from regulation by Department of Human Services. Establishes that providers of respite services are mandatory child abuse reporters. Establishes that mandatory reporting include staff of organization, but not the volunteers. Requires organization involved with placement of child to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Employment Department Child Care Division (CCD). Requires respite service providers be enrolled in CCD Central Background Registry. Sets operational dates for sections of measure. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Problems that families experience
- Safe Families program founded in Chicago
- Number of days families usually use services
- How Safe Families program operates
- Support of Department of Human Services
- Training component for volunteers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires individuals be enrolled in the Child Care Division Central Background Registry.

BACKGROUND: Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a network of host families and mentors that extend the community safety net by assisting parents who are experiencing a short-term emergency or a longer-term crisis. Host families are screened, trained and serve without compensation. The SFFC network is a voluntary, non-coercive alternative for at-risk families, allowing the parents to work out their problems without having to worry about losing custody of their children. SFFC currently operates in 18 areas throughout the United States.

The Child Care Division (CCD) was established within the Oregon Employment Department in 1993 to license various child care centers and homes. People are required to be enrolled in the CCD's Central Background Registry if they are: a) operators/employees of a child care program regulated by the Child Care Division; b) operators/employees of a pre-kindergarten program; c) operators/employees of a federal Head Start program; d) individuals in a child care facility who may have unsupervised contact with children, e) a contractor or an employee of the contractor who provides early childhood special education or early intervention services; or, f) a designated employee or volunteer of a Metro service district.

Senate Bill 991B would allow the private/non-profit creation of a Safe Families program in Oregon by eliminating provisions in current statute.

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