

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2052 - A

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Measure Description:

Expands definition of "child" for purposes of payments to subsidize adoption made by Department of Human Services. Requires department to pay nonrecurring adoption expenses in adoption of child with special needs. Clarifies limits on payments to adoptive parents. Requires parents receiving adoption payments to inform department of circumstances affecting eligibility.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

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:

In order to leverage increased federal funding options available for foster care, guardianship and adoption assistance subsidies, HB 2052 A expands the definition of "child" to include individuals under 21 years of age, under certain circumstances. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

According to DHS, the agency currently provides financial support for this category of youths in other programs. These modifications will not have an impact on General Fund expenditures, but will allow the department to claim federal Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoptions Assistance funds for these payments. This is expected to increase federal matching funds by approximately \$1.8 million.

There is no fiscal impact from the requirement to pay nonrecurring expenses for adoptions of children with special needs. This is current practice.