

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3102 - A

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Measure Description:

Transfers authority over court appointed special advocates and CASA Volunteer Programs from State Commission on Children and Families to Judicial Department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Commission on Children and Families, Judicial Department, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

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 bill transfers all duties, functions and powers over court appointed special advocates (CASA) and CASA Volunteer Programs from the State Commission on Children and Families to the Judicial branch.

The -6 amendments transfer program funding from the Commission to the Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011.

The State Commission of Children and Families indicates that the Governor's Recommended Budget contains \$2.4 million in General Funds, \$199,160 in Other Funds, and 1 position (0.50 FTE) to support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. The Governor's budget assumes Other Funds from a national CASA grant and other sources will be received during the biennium. However, it is not clear if the Other Funds resources will be available to fund the program at the budgeted level, or the level of resources needed if the program is transferred to another agency.

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of this measure's budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.