FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Modifies statutes governing the State Commission on Children and Families.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

State Commission on Children and Families

Summary of Fiscal 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:

House Bill 3570 modifies statutes governing the State Commission on Children and Families, including:

- 1. Emphasizing that the state commission is authorized to set statewide guidelines for the <u>local</u> planning, coordination and delivery of services for children and families;
- 2. Decreasing the number of members appointed by the Governor from 12 to nine;
- 3. Modifying the composition of members appointed by the Governor;
- 4. Requiring the state commission to support local commissions in their statutory responsibilities;
- 5. Allowing, instead of requiring, the state commission to develop a review and approval process for local coordinated comprehensive plans;
- Specifying that the main purposes of local commissions on children and families include preventing child abuse and neglect by stabilizing communities, strengthening families, reducing risk factors for failure in school, and responding to locally identified needs of children and families;
- 7. Directing local commissions to coordinate efforts with relevant state and community entities to mobilize all sectors of the community.
- 8. Requiring local commissions to develop outcomes that can be measured in a consistent manner statewide;
- 9. Allowing local commissions to provide direct services for children and their families if directed to do so by the board or boards of county commissioners;
- 10. Allowing, instead of requiring, local commissions to coordinate the development of a single local plan for coordinating community programs, strategies and services for children from prenatal stage through 18 years of age;

Passage of HB 3570 will have an impact on the state and local commissions' statutory charge, organizational functions and performance management efforts, but will have minimal budgetary impact. The commission anticipates using existing staff and resources to carry out the provisions of this bill.