FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority, to provide training to foster parents and child-caring agencies regarding appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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 3584 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to provide training regarding appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent to child-caring agencies and foster parents.

Passage of this bill will have minimal fiscal impact to DHS. The agency reports that the Children, Adults and Families (CAF) division currently provides a comprehensive training program to foster parents with minority children, or children of an ethnic background differing from the foster parent. The current training includes topics required by this bill. Passage of this bill would codify current practice for foster parent training. In addition, DHS is planning to work with OHA to open these current training opportunities to child caring agencies, as well as to develop additional training regarding health care for multiracial families. These efforts will have minimal fiscal impact on DHS and OHA as they align with the two agencies' existing continuous efforts to improve training to better serve the state's changing population.

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