

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3584 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session  
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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 hair and skin care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**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 A-Engrossed directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide training regarding appropriate ethnic hair and skin care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent to [1] child-caring agencies; [2] individuals providing treatment, care or services under the supervision of a child-caring agency; and [3] foster parents and prospective adoptive parents of children in foster care.

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 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 as they align with the department's existing continuous efforts to improve training to better serve the state's changing population.