

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Weidner, Gilliam, Tomei

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/14, 3/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires home study be conducted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of prospective adoptive parent who applies to the department for adoption services and who is currently under study or consideration by another public or private agency for placement of a child for adoption. Establishes an application acceptance and approval process for a home study, submitted by an Oregon resident seeking to adopt a child in the custody of the DHS or a public child welfare agency in another state or country.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Codifying of Oregon Administrative Rules
- Support by DHS

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes an application acceptance and approval process for a home study, submitted by an Oregon resident seeking to adopt a child in the custody of the DHS or a public child welfare agency in another state or country.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there are inconsistencies between statutory language and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). House Bill 2878A acknowledges these inconsistencies. DHS has attempted to rectify these inconsistencies since 2007 and the bill assists with the codifying the clarification.