

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson
Nays:	-
Exc.:	Freeman
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Meeting Dates:	5/16, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes the State Commission on Children and Families. Establishes nine member Early Learning Council in the Governor’s Office to coordinate early childhood services with the public education system, replacing the Commission. Directs that members of the Council be appointed to four-year terms subject to Senate confirmation and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Directs Council to submit report, including recommendations for legislation, if any, to legislative committees by November 1, 2011. Establishes 12-member Task Force on Improving Educational Success for At-Risk Youth including four legislators and eight other members with expertise in at-risk youth and educational resources, appointed by the Governor. Directs Task Force to review current funding sources, make recommendations regarding the coordination of programs and services for at-risk youth, and report to legislative committee by November 1, 2011. Directs Council to provide staffing to Task Force. Abolishes local commissions on children and families effective June 30, 2012. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage, with provisions becoming operative on June 30, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Timing of sunset of local commissions without replacement provisions
- Review of local commission recommendations by 2012 Legislative Assembly
- Commission on Children and Families Task Force of the Associated Oregon Counties (AOC)
- Need for policy changes to be done in the Committee on Ways and Means

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 909, currently in the Ways and Means Committee, also establishes the Early Learning Council. The State Commission on Children and Families (SCCF) was created in 1993, and further defined by 1999 legislation. SCCF is responsible for statewide planning, system improvement, and policy development—and provides communities with research-based best practices—for local programs serving children and families. All 36 Oregon counties have a Local Commission on Children and Families, which is responsible for a local coordinated comprehensive plan; community mobilization; and coordination among community partners, individual citizens, civic and faith-based organizations, businesses, non-profits, schools, and social service and health care providers to support children from birth to young adulthood. Funds administered through the Commission include: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Children, Youth and Families; Great Start, Healthy Start Family Support Services, Relief Nurseries; Safe and Stable Families; Youth Investment; The Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) General Fund; The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Federal Fund; Title II Formula Grant Program; Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program; and the Title V Incentive Grants Program.

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