

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 24, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** House Bill 3102 A-Engrossed with the – A9 amendment establishes the nine-member Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Task Force charge with studying and making recommendations regarding the appropriate structure and operation for funding and administration of the CASA Volunteer Programs in Oregon. The bill directs the task force to report to appropriate interim committees no later than January 15, 2012. The task force sunsets on June 30, 2013. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The need for the task force to better evaluate the relocation of the CASA Programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the bill.

**BACKGROUND:** The CASA program is currently located within the State Commission on Children and Families. A Blue Ribbon report issued May 25, 2010 states that the CASA program would be better housed in the Judicial Department. In addition to the Blue Ribbon report, the Governor’s Recommended Budget for 2011-13 moves the program into the Governor’s Early Childhood Learning Program in the Governor’s office.