

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:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Weidner, Gilliam, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes membership of State Commission on Children and Families to thirteen members appointed by the Governor. Modifies membership make-up to add five ex officio, nonvoting members. Charges state commission with promoting best practices at state and local level to prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile crime. Directs state commission to administer funding through performance-based contracts with local commissions to prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile crimes. Directs state commission to develop performance measures and outcomes. Requires Governor to appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, Director of State Commission on Children and Families. Limits state commission personnel budget to 10 percent of the total commission budget unless otherwise approved by the commission. Requires commission to report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly on or before October 1 of each odd-numbered year. Report shall include performance measure progress and outcomes developed, proposed solutions to barriers, and proposed prioritization of federal and state resources to implement identified solutions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Governor’s Early Learning Council proposal
- Status quo arrangement for state and local commissions and affiliated programs for first half of 2011-13 biennium
- Relevance of measure for one year implementation
- New proposal for amendments to measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies provision deleting language that the state commission administer competitive grants to local commissions, rather adding language that the commission administer funding through performance-based contracts with local commissions.

BACKGROUND: The State Commission on Children and Families was created by legislation in 1993, and further defined by Senate Bill 555 (1999). The commission is responsible for statewide planning, system improvement and policy development, and provides communities with research-based best practices to inform local programs serving children and families. All thirty-six 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, social service and health care providers to support children from birth to young adulthood.

The state commission is composed of three separate components: the state commission, members appointed by the Governor with the purpose of developing policy and strategies that improve the well-being of children and families statewide; local commission, members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in each county with the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to guide the development of initiatives and supports for children and families in each county; and staff for both the state and local commissions, who support the goals and activities developed by the members of the state and local commissions.

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