

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Weidner, Gilliam, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/6, 4/13, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Stipulates Department of Human Services (DHS) as responsible party for coordinating the statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families. Requires DHS to recommend policies that integrate a system of services and support for runaway and homeless youth into state's continuum of care for children who are 0 through 21 years of age. Requires state commission to transfers all duties, functions and powers to DHS. Transfers all records and property from State commission to DHS. Requires unexpended balances to be transferred to DHS from state commission beginning July 1, 2011. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Transfer of Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Statewide Roll-out System from Oregon Commission on Children and Families to DHS
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Initiative part of Governor's Early Learning Council
- Title XX federal funds which support eight roll-out existing service sites pass through DHS
- At-risk unaccompanied and unsheltered youth
- Homeless and runaway youth classified as "not enough kids"
- Links between homeless and runaway youth and children in foster care system

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Repeals Section 1 of measure. Replaces State Commission on Children and Families to DHS as responsible party for coordinating the statewide planning for delivery of services for runaway and homeless youth and their families. Requires DHS to recommend policies that integrate a system of services and support for runaway and homeless youth into the state's continuum of care for children who are 0 through 21 years of age. Requires state commission to transfers all duties, functions and powers to DHS. Transfers all records and property from State commission to DHS. Requires unexpended balances to be transferred to DHS from state commission beginning July 1, 2011. Adds emergency clause to measure.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2202 (2005) required the State Commission on Children and Families to work with other specified state agencies and their advisory committees to develop a comprehensive state policy that established a long term strategy to provide services and support for runaway and homeless youth and their families.

In 2007, the Legislature allocated funding to the commission to be used to expand, enhance or create services for runaway and homeless youth in Oregon communities with specifications for the development or improvement of homeless and runaway youth services and supports; creation of or building upon existing partnerships; and identification of services and supports to runaway and homeless youth.

Runaway and homeless services target youth ages eleven through seventeen who are at high risk of running away, abandonment, family separation and homelessness.

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