

**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:** Renames the State Commission on Children and Families to the State Children and Families Commission. Reduces the number of members to state commission appointed by the Governor to nine. Requires both state and local commissions on children and families to facilitate collaboration between agencies and partners and advocate for improved outcomes and remove barriers. Redefines purpose of local commissions to include preventing child abuse and neglect through community stabilization and strengthening families; reducing risk factors for failure in school and responding to locally identified needs of children and families.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Work of state and local commissions
- Funding streams identified as transferring to Governor’s Early Learning Council
- Continue building community-based systems of support
- Continue focus on needs of school age children, as well as young children
- Maximize community services and increase efficiencies and effectiveness at state and local levels
- Value proposition in children and families enterprise lies at local level
- Modifications to programs measured in terms of direct effect on served children and families
- Results-based outcomes
- Build existing programs, infrastructure, partnerships and expertise
- Conversion of statutes from process to results-oriented

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) system was established in 1994. The system consists of a state commission and thirty-six local commissions for each Oregon county. The OCCF system was established to improve the system of supports for children and families in communities. The Oregon Commission on Children and Families is charged with establishing statewide policies for services to children and families. Additionally, the state commission ensures accountability, helps evaluate progress in the counties, and builds the policy framework for local commissions’ work.

Both state and local commissions work in collaboration with a number of other state and county level agencies to organize and improve conditions for children and families. Commissions also partner with non-profits, the faith community, business and other entities interested in improving supports for children and families in their communities.