

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Frederick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 0 – 1

House

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

Nays:

Exc: Nolan

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 8, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, to provide training regarding appropriate ethnic hair aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent to child-caring agencies and foster parents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need for the more precise language of the – 2 amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes the words aesthetic, face, body shape and type. Removes the requirement to consult with the Oregon Health Authority. Rewords the bill to specify that DHS is responsible for providing appropriate ethnic hair aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent to [1] child-caring agencies; [2] individuals providing treatment, care or services under the supervision of a child-caring agency; and [3] foster parents and prospective adoptive parents of children in foster care.

BACKGROUND: African-American or ethnic hair is fragile and requires regular maintenance. The hair needs to stay moistened, so products made specifically for African-American or ethnic hair must be used. An individual must gently brush or comb the hair to avoid breakage. Research indicates there are very few hair care products available in the marketplace that cater to curly textured, wavy or tightly S-coiled hair textures.