

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Weidner, Gilliam, Tomei

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/11, 4/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to provide training to foster parents regarding appropriate aesthetic care, to include care for hair, face, body shape and type and skin for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Personal experiences in foster care system
- Current training provided to foster parents by DHS
- Foster parent's lack of knowledge about specialty products and cultural significance
- Availability and usage of specialty products
- Ramifications due to non-usage of specialty products
- Necessity of codifying training into statute

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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.