

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/4, 4/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires members of legislative sensitive review committee to develop findings and conclusions and make recommendations to the Director of the Department of Human Services (Director) regarding policies and practices. Requires disclosure of the report upon request by any member of the Legislative Assembly, unless otherwise exempted from disclosure. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current sensitive review process
- Oversight role of Legislative Assembly

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies that members of the review committee shall develop findings and conclusions and make recommendations to the Director regarding policies and practices. Clarifies that report can be disclosed unless exempted from such disclosure.

**BACKGROUND:** Located within the Department of Human Services (DHS), Child Protective Services is the public agency mandated to protect children from abuse and neglect within their own families or foster care homes. In federal fiscal year 2007, there were 13,306 incidents of abuse/neglect in Oregon. DHS currently has the authority to convene a sensitive review committee for the purpose of reviewing the actions and conduct of the department regarding the integrity of the child welfare system.

Senate Bill 746-A requires the review committee to develop findings and conclusions and make recommendations to the Director regarding policies and practices. The bill also requires disclosure of reports upon request by any member of the Legislative Assembly.