

# House Bill 2616

Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLER (at the request of Louise Calder) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to issue foster home certification to persons operating single foster home upon proof of compliance with specific training and experience requirements. Limits operation of foster home by multiple foster parents to four nonrelated children. Permits renewal of certification upon proof of compliance with training requirements by one of multiple foster parents.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to certification of foster homes.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 418.625 to**  
5 **418.645.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 418.635 and 418.640, the Department of Human**  
7 **Services shall issue a certificate to operate a foster home to two or more persons who to-**  
8 **gether maintain, or seek to maintain, a single foster home if each person provides the de-**  
9 **partment with documentary evidence that:**

10 (a) **Each person has completed at least 150 hours of training approved by the department**  
11 **as appropriate and necessary foster parent training within the past two years; and**

12 (b) **Each person has provided foster care in this state for at least the last 10 consecutive**  
13 **years.**

14 (2) **A certificate issued under this section may not permit foster care of more than four**  
15 **children who are not related to the foster parents to whom the certificate is issued.**

16 (3) **Once a certificate under this section has been issued, the certificate may be renewed**  
17 **if at least one of the certified foster parents complies with the continuing training require-**  
18 **ments required by the department for renewal of a certificate to operate a foster home.**

19 (4) **Except as otherwise provided in this section, persons applying for a certificate to op-**  
20 **erate a foster home under this section must comply with all other requirements for issuance**  
21 **of a certificate to operate a foster home under ORS 418.625 to 418.645.**  
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