

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3445**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, before the period insert “; appropri-
2 ating money; and declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 **“(1) The community home model for placement of children and**
6 **wards who are in the legal custody of the Department of Human Ser-**
7 **vices is a viable and compelling alternative placement option to tra-**
8 **ditional foster care placements; and**

9 **“(2) Pilot projects to establish up to three community homes that**
10 **will implement the community home model throughout this state will**
11 **provide the department with the opportunity to evaluate the success**
12 **and effectiveness of the community home model as an alternative**
13 **placement option for children and wards in the legal custody of the**
14 **department.**

15 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act:**

16 **“(a) ‘Community home’ means a facility that implements and uti-**
17 **lizes the community home model for the placement of children and**
18 **wards in the legal custody of the department.**

19 **“(b) ‘Community home model’ means a model for placement of a**
20 **child or ward who is in the legal custody of the Department of Human**
21 **Services in a community home with other children and wards, where**
22 **the foster parent for the child or ward comes to the community home**

1 to provide foster parent services and in which the child or ward and
2 the foster parent for the child or ward may receive one or more of the
3 following services:

4 “(A) Mentoring;

5 “(B) Tutoring;

6 “(C) One-on-one supervision;

7 “(D) Respite care;

8 “(E) Assistance in locating immediate and extended family mem-
9 bers;

10 “(F) 24-hour, daily on-call caregiver support;

11 “(G) Skill building;

12 “(H) Counseling;

13 “(I) Parent education and training;

14 “(J) Foster parent education and training;

15 “(K) Assistance in establishing support systems with neighbors; and

16 “(L) Family-centered interventions, including but not limited to
17 drug, alcohol and mental health treatment.

18 “(2) The department shall establish up to three community homes
19 to implement the community home model in this state for children
20 and wards who have been placed in the legal custody of the depart-
21 ment for care, placement and supervision under ORS 419B.337.

22 “(3) The department may contract with one or more nonprofit en-
23 tities to establish and implement the community homes and provide
24 the community home model services required.

25 “(4) The department shall study and perform an evaluation of the
26 community homes established, and the community home model im-
27 plemented, under subsection (2) of this section. The evaluation shall
28 include but not be limited to a comparison of placement outcomes for
29 children and wards in the community homes as compared to children
30 and wards in traditional foster homes, including but not limited to the

1 following:

2 “(a) The length of time a child or ward remains in a community
3 home;

4 “(b) The impact on a child’s or ward’s educational achievement and
5 success;

6 “(c) Emotional and social stability factors for children, wards and
7 foster parents; and

8 “(d) Factors that would impact the ability to replicate the commu-
9 nity home model throughout this state.

10 “(5)(a) The department and a nonprofit entity with which the de-
11 partment has contracted under this section may solicit and accept
12 gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources to further
13 the purposes of this section.

14 “(b) Moneys obtained by a nonprofit entity pursuant to solicitation
15 and acceptance of gifts, grants and donations by the nonprofit entity
16 may be maintained, controlled and used for any purpose deemed ap-
17 propriate by the nonprofit entity to further the purposes of this sec-
18 tion without informing or obtaining the consent and approval of the
19 department to receive and use the moneys.

20 “(c) The department may use any available state and federal funds
21 that the department deems appropriate to implement the provisions
22 of this section.

23 “(6) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions
24 of this section.

25 **“SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall prepare and**
26 **submit a report to the standing and interim committees of the Legis-**
27 **lative Assembly that have authority over the subject areas of child**
28 **welfare and juvenile dependency on or before the date of the convening**
29 **of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in**
30 **ORS 171.010.**

1 **“SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
2 **ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for**
3 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the**
4 **amount of \$120,000, which may be expended for the purposes of imple-**
5 **menting section 2 of this 2013 Act.**

6 **“SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2013 Act applies to children or wards**
7 **who are in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services for**
8 **care, placement and supervision before, on or after the effective date**
9 **of this 2013 Act.**

10 **“SECTION 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act are repealed on June**
11 **30, 2015.**

12 **“SECTION 7. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate**
13 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
14 **declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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