

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/7

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to appoint advisory committee on coordination of statewide services for homeless and unaccompanied youth. Specifies committee role and composition. Requires DHS to submit annual report to legislature by September 15. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** In the 2013-14 school year the Department of Education reported that 18,902 Oregon children were registered or reported homeless; of those, 3,028 were designated unaccompanied. Unaccompanied homeless and runaway children are more likely to become victims of sex trafficking or other crimes. A 2014 study and report by the Oregon Alliance of Children’s Programs reports significant trauma is common among this population of children as measured by the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) model. In 2011, legislation was adopted that made the Department of Human Services (DHS) responsible for delivery of services for runaway and homeless youth.

House Bill 2232-A creates an advisory committee to inform planning, development of policies and procedures, and the coordination of services for homeless and runaway youth. DHS is directed to include stakeholders with expertise in housing, mental health, addiction, sex trafficking, child welfare, and law enforcement.

*House Committee: 8 – 0 – 1*

*House Floor: 57 – 0 – 3*