

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3014

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Measure Description:

Changes definition of "grandparent" in laws pertaining to notice to grandparents of juvenile dependency hearings regarding grandchildren, and that authorize grandparents to request visitation or other contact or communication with grandchildren when grandchildren are in legal custody of Department of Human Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice, Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure changes the legal definition of "grandparent" in laws pertaining to notice to grandparents of juvenile dependency hearings regarding grandchildren. The measure authorizes grandparents to request visitation or other contact or communication with grandchildren when grandchildren are in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Currently, if the parental rights of a child are terminated, the grandparents are no longer the legal grandparents of the child.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The number of visitations that may be requested by grandparents under the new legal definition is unknown. DHS anticipates the changing of the legal definition of "grandparent" and the potential authorization of visitation rights will have a fiscal impact on the Child Welfare Division. In addition to the costs of communication and coordination for potential grandparent visitations, the cost of visitations can also vary, depending on if DHS is required to provide supervision during the visit, reimburse for mileage, or provide transportation for the child or grandparent.

There is no fiscal impact to the Judicial Department or Department of Justice as a result of this measure.