

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 632 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to establish two pilot programs in rural and urban regions of this state to improve quality and effectiveness of foster care for children and wards placed in legal custody of department for care, placement and supervision.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Special Payments	\$1,000,000	\$0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,000,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

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:

Senate Bill 632 appropriates \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS), and requires the Department to develop and implement two pilot programs (one in a rural part of Oregon, the other in an urban area) to improve the quality and effectiveness of foster care for children and wards who have been placed in the Department's legal custody. DHS is required to form advisory groups that include at least one foster parent and one individual who have experienced multiple placements.

DHS is required to study and perform an evaluation of these two pilot programs, and submit a report of the preliminary findings to a Legislative committee by May 1, 2017. The pilot programs sunset on June 30, 2017. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

These pilot programs must include services for foster parents of the targeted children including child development and parent training, behavioral supports, 24-hour daily on-call caregiver support, respite care, tutoring, and assistance with locating immediate and extended health biological family members.

The bill permits DHS to contract with nonprofit entities to implement the pilot programs.

The bill authorizes DHS and these contracted nonprofit entities to solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations for the programs.

The Department of Human Services anticipates using existing staff and resources to set up and implement the pilot programs, and convene advisory groups. Appropriated funds will be used to contract with nonprofit entities to provide foster care children, wards and their parents with services such

as child development and parent training, behavioral supports, 24-hour daily on-call caregiver support, respite care, tutoring, and assistance with locating immediate and extended health biological family members. Because these contracts would need to be developed through a Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation as well as being review by the Department of Justice before they could be placed, at this time, DHS cannot provide more details about the cost and services provided for each contracts.

In addition to contracts for services to foster children and parents, DHS will need to use the appropriate funds to conduct a study and perform an evaluation of these two pilot programs. The Department estimates the cost of this evaluation to be approximately \$200,000.

The bill allows DHS and contracted nonprofit entities to solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations to fund the two pilot programs. DHS will use existing staff and resources to identify and apply for these resources. This could lead to additional funding and resources, but the amounts are unknown, at this time.