

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/14/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 04/07, 04/09, 04/14

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist in situations where a child qualifies for home and community-based assistance in their state of residence, but also spends at least six weeks each year with parent who resides in Oregon, by sharing lists of community providers, contacting Medicaid in the child's state of residence, and providing documentation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Simplicity of idea, but difficulty with practical nuts and bolts of implementation
- Strictness of federal programs and eligibility requirements
- Whether amendment would adequately address difficulties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces content of measure.

BACKGROUND:

Children who are eligible for home and community-based care via Medicaid, establish eligibility and apply for services through their state of residence. Services can be difficult to maintain without interruption, for children who spend time with a parent that resides in a different state. Senate Bill 659-A requires the Department of Human Services to assistance in such situations, to facilitate continuity of services for qualifying children.