

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Workforce**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/15/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Different Amendments. (Printed A-Eng Minority) Request  
Referral To Ways And Means.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/04, 04/15

**Signers of the Report:** Sen. Tim Knopp, Sen. Kim Thatcher

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates task force to study and report on qualifications, recruitment, training, support, screening, compensation and oversight of foster parents.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Professionalization of foster care
- Foster parent reimbursement rates
- Support for foster parents
- Outside income requirements for foster parents

**EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT:**

Removes purpose of task force related to organizing foster parents for advocacy efforts.

**BACKGROUND:**

Children are placed in foster care for different reasons. Sometimes their families cannot provide them with the basic safety and protection they need. Many have also experienced parental substance abuse, sexual or physical abuse and abandonment. The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) places foster children in the homes of foster parents who are provided compensation for food, clothing, housing, personal incidentals and transportation ranging from \$575 to \$850 per month based on the age and needs of the child.

Senate Bill 311-MRA creates a task force to study and report on the qualifications, recruitment, training, support, screening, compensation and oversight of foster parents.