

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/28/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 04/28

**Vote:**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and health benefit plans to pay for or reimburse community assessment centers for child abuse medical assessments and related services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Making full services available to more children
- Network of 21 child abuse prevention centers
- Specialized services available in one place; professionals in one place; providers connected to each other
- Examination, interview, and other supports should not inflict further trauma

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Adds emergency clause.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year, hundreds of thousands of children experience abuse or neglect in the United States. An understanding of the risk factors and strategies for screening can help professionals working with children and families to identify high-risk situations and different types of maltreatment.

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAICs) provides assessment and intervention services in cases of child abuse and neglect, and reports there are 21 centers across Oregon that serve over 6,000 children annually.

House Bill 2234-B requires the Oregon Health Authority and private health insurance plans to cover medical assessments and related services provided to abused and neglected children by community assessment centers.