

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1515 - 3

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Measure Description:

Establishes standards and criteria for mandatory licensing, certification or authorization of child-caring agencies by Department of Human Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice, Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), Department of Revenue(DOR), Early Learning Council, Judicial Department

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:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting Senate Bill 1515 with the - 3 amendment from the Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 1515 with the - 3 amendment increases accountability for private child caring agencies licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), and increases legislative oversight of DHS regarding these facilities. The bill

- Changes the definition of "abuse" for purposes of investigating allegations of child abuse or neglect in these types of facilities.
- Expands the age definition of "child" for young adults age 18-20 who are placed in these types of facilities.
- Increases disclosure of abuse reports to certain individuals under limited certain circumstances.
- Expands the role of DHS office of licensing and regulatory oversight to require more frequent and unannounced site visits.
- Expands both the duties and obligations of DHS to enforce health and safety standards in these facilities.
- Direct DHS to make recommendations for achieving accreditation from a nationally recognized child welfare organization.

These changes and expansions are anticipated to have a General Fund and staffing impact on the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Justice, as well as potential fiscal impact on the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), Department of Revenue (DOR), Early Learning Council, Judicial Department.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required