

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4080 - 1

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Measure Description:

Establishes Governor's Foster Care Advisory Commission to advise Governor and Director of Human Services regarding foster care system in this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of the Governor, Department of Justice, 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:

House Bill 4080 with the - 1 amendment establishes the 11-member Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission charged with advising the Governor and the Director of Human Services, and recommending legislation regarding the child foster care system in Oregon. The bill stipulates the requirements and terms of membership. Commission members must include representatives from the Judicial Department, law enforcement agencies and district attorneys, as well as former employees of the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Department of Justice. The bill outlines the issues that the Commission is expected to study and report to the Governor and the Director of Human Services. The bill also permits the Commission to establish continuing or temporary advisory and technical committees. Members of the Commission are entitled to reimbursement of expenses.

Participation on this Commission is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the Judicial Department, law enforcement agencies and district attorneys, as well as the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Department of Justice.

However, note that although the bill stipulates that claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the Commission shall be paid out of funds available to the Commission, the bill does not appropriate funding for this purpose. Also, note that the bill is silent on whether the Governor's Office or the Department of Human Services is responsible for providing staff and administrative support to the Commission.