

**PRELIMINARY 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:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Child Foster Care Advisory Commission (Commission). Specifies composition, structure and purpose. Directs Governor to make appointments subject to Senate confirmation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

As of 2014, over 11,443 children in Oregon spent at least one day in foster care, with an average of 7,811 children in foster care on any given day. The Department of Human Services' (DHS) capacity to regulate, inspect, investigate and take enforcement action on behalf of foster children has recently been called into question and subject to intense scrutiny, due to breakdowns in its oversight of a provider called Give Us This Day.

House Bill 4080A establishes the Child Foster Care Advisory Commission to advise, study and report to the Governor and DHS concerning the foster care system, and to recommend legislation.