

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/10/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/05, 02/10

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark

Exc: 1 - Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Foster Care Advisory Commission (Commission). Requires Commission to study specified topics relating to foster care and recommend legislation. Specifies Commission membership and rules. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of foster children
- Existing avenues for interagency cooperation on foster child issues
- Contents of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Modifies name and membership of Commission. Refines topics Commission is required to study.

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. Recent findings have cast doubt on the Department of Human Service's capacity to regulate, inspect, investigate and take enforcement action on behalf of foster children.

House Bill 4080 A establishes the Foster Care Advisory Commission to study issues related to the foster care system and make recommendations for legislation.