

78th Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2016 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

MEASURE: HB 4080 A
CARRIER: Sen. Shields

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/22/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/22

Vote:

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

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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:

- Importance of having actual consumers and others affected by regulation, in a position to advise the executive branch

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 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) oversight capacity - its ability to regulate, inspect, investigate and take enforcement action on behalf of foster children - has recently been called into question and subject to intense scrutiny.

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.