

## **HB 3067 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Early Childhood and Family Supports**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Department of Human Services to conduct statewide study regarding family supports

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 amendment. Replaces measure. Creates legislative findings on child care and resource referrals for families involved in court proceedings and government business. Authorizes Marion and Polk counties to establish CourtCare pilot programs to provide quality child care to individuals and families. Requires CourtCare programs to serve as clearinghouse for information and resource referrals. Directs county to ensure that staff at CourtCare program are enrolled in Central Background Registry and that program is certified or registered by the Office of Child Care. Requires contracts between the county and entity to report on outcomes and objectives. Directs counties to report on progress of pilot programs to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2019. Repeals program January 2, 2021. Appropriates \$200,000 to Department of Administrative Services beginning July 1, 2017 out of the General Fund. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

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*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

##### **BACKGROUND:**

When people attend court proceedings, meet with probation officers or handle other legal matters, they are often responsible for the care of their children. Children who are with their parents or guardians during court proceedings may witness conflict that creates trauma and stress for children. Trauma harms brain development and can lead to lifelong problems in learning, behavior, physical and mental health. Trauma differentially affects more vulnerable families. CourtCare was created in 2001 for use by Multnomah County Court to prevent children from experiencing trauma and to curb disruptions in the hearing room and is free, child care and court-related family services in a courthouse or in reasonable proximity to a court house.

House Bill 3067 -2 proposes a pilot program to fund a CourtCare programs in Marion and Polk Counties, aimed at children from six weeks to ten years of age. The intention is to ensure children are in a safe and nurturing environment while parents and caregivers are in court proceedings and to minimize disruptions in the court room. House Bill 3067 -2 would also provide referrals and resources to social service programs for families at CourtCare sites to help families access behavioral health services, relief nurseries, early learning, health insurance, legal assistance and screening and referral for developmental health.