

SB 942 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct a statewide study on child safety by July 1, 2018. Requires DHS to collaborate with Department of Education and Office of Child Care on study. Requires DHS to submit report to Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2018. Sunsets January 2, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment
- Current procedures and state of DHS child protective services
- Effect of current funding, training, and child abuse assessments on quality of programs and services
- Role of legislative oversight in management of DHS programs
- Findings of audits and federal assessments of DHS programs
- Prioritization of DHS resources to programs
- Role of outside organizations in child abuse prevention/response programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces provisions. Removes requirement that DHS conduct study on child safety. Requires finding of "founded," "unfounded," or "cannot be determined" in investigation for child abuse. Requires child abuse investigations be conducted in accordance with statute and result in findings until specified criteria met.

FISCAL: Minimal Expenditure Impact

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

-2 Replaces measure. Requires finding of "founded," "unfounded," or "cannot be determined" in investigation for child abuse. Requires child abuse investigations be conducted in accordance with statute and result in findings until specified criteria met. Requires DHS conduct exit interview of child upon removal from substitute care within 14 days. Sets operative date for exit interviews January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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BACKGROUND:

Child safety and child care are broad and complex areas that affects the lives of Oregonians across the state. Senate Bill 942 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS), in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Office of Child Care, to conduct a statewide study on child safety by July 1, 2018. The measure requires DHS to report its findings to the legislature by November 1, 2018.

This Summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.