

HB 2930 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) and law enforcement agency to make efforts to determine the military status of the parents or guardians of the child who is subject to report of child abuse. Requires DHS or law enforcement agency to notify the Oregon Military Department and U.S. Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program if there is a report of child abuse or if DHS or law enforcement agency is conducting a child abuse investigation with reasonable cause involving a child whose parent or guardian is in the military.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Communication of child abuse reports to state and federal military departments
- Statistics on incidences of child abuse and neglect from U.S. Department of Defense
- Difficulties with active child abuse investigations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes requirements for Department of Human Services and law enforcement agency to determine military status and notification to the Oregon Military Department and U.S. Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program the Oregon Military Department and U.S. Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program. Allows DHS or law enforcement agency to collect information concerning military status of parent or guardian of child who is the subject of child abuse report. Allows DHS or law enforcement agency to share information concerning military status with appropriate military authorities.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Defense's Family Advocacy Program works to prevent abuse by implementing programs, education, assessments, rehabilitative treatment, and ongoing monitoring and risk management for military families. U.S. Code requires the Secretary of Defense to request a report from each State on known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect in which the person having care of the child is a member of the armed forces or spouse of a member of the armed forces. Current Oregon Law requires child abuse reports to be made at the Department of Human Services (DHS) or at a law enforcement agency.

House Bill 2930 requires DHS and law enforcement agency to make efforts to determine the military status of the parents or guardians of the child who is subject to report of child abuse. DHS or law enforcement agency are required to notify the Oregon Military Department and U.S. Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program if there is a report of child abuse or if DHS or law enforcement agency is conducting a child abuse investigation with reasonable cause involving a child whose parent or guardian is in the military.