

HB 2930 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits Department of Human Services (DHS) and law enforcement agency to collect information regarding military status of parent or guardian of child who is subject of child abuse report. Permits DHS or law enforcement agency to share information concerning military status with appropriate military authorities.

FISCAL: Minimal Expenditure Impact

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure, legislative history in House
- Collaboration between state child welfare agencies and military authorities
- Permissive language intended to prevent confidential information from improperly going to subjects of investigation
- Possible amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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. Federal law 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-A allows DHS or a law enforcement agency to collect information concerning military status of parent or guardian of child who is the subject of child abuse report. It permits DHS or law enforcement agencies to share the information concerning military status with appropriate military authorities when receiving a report of child abuse.