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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Subject: HB 2401 Relating to trauma-informed training for child welfare personnel
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2401 requires DHS to provide trauma-informed training for employees responsible for licensing, certifying, or investigating child-caring agencies and foster homes. The bill specifies certain elements that must be included in this training. DHS is required to develop a set of written guidelines for trauma-informed practices for employees that may be shared with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), the Public Safety Standards and Training (PSST) Board, and other entities. The bill authorizes DHS, subject to availability of funds, to provide trauma-informed training to others in the child welfare system, including caseworkers, foster parents, parents, medical examiners, and educators.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Human Services and Housing on 2/9/2017, 2/16/2017, and 3/28/2017.

The original staff measure summary and the fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on DHS, primarily because under current practice, DHS has already begun to apply a trauma-informed lens to child abuse investigations training. The agency believes that minor revisions to its existing training will meet requirements to include this curriculum for employees responsible for licensing, certifying, or investigating child-caring agencies and foster homes.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment which removes appropriation language.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A6 amendment to HB 2401. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2401, as amended by the -A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2401, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____