

**SB 243 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Includes certified foster homes and developmental disabilities residential facilities in statues concerning welfare of children in care. 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:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

Current Oregon law contains a number of provisions that concern the welfare of children in care, including statues that define what conduct constitutes abuse and neglect, provide for notification of abuse investigations, licensing of child-caring agencies, and abuse reporting requirements. Child abuse notifications and investigations are triggered when the Department of Human Services (DHS) becomes aware of any kind of formal or informal report of suspected child abuse at a child-caring agency. Generally, a report prompts DHS to notify appropriate child-caring agency licensing personnel within DHS, notify other government entities with contracts with that agency, and commence an investigation.

Senate Bill 243 extends the applicability of these procedures to certified foster homes and developmental disabilities residential facilities.