

**SB 245 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Knopp

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 02/06/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies definition of “child” for purposes of statutes governing child-caring agencies. Modifies definition of “child-caring agency” to exclude facilities only serving persons over age 18 and facilities that require children to be accompanied by guardian. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current Oregon law includes all “unmarried person[s] under 21 years of age” in the definition of “child” for the purposes of the statutes governing child-caring agencies. In the same section, the current definition of “child-caring agency” explicitly excludes licensed residential facilities and certified foster homes serving developmentally disabled children, respite services, youth job development organizations, certain shelter-care homes, and other foster homes.

Senate Bill 245 amends the definition of “child” to include only persons under age 21 that receive services from child-caring agencies. Senate Bill 245 also specifically exempts facilities that serve only people over the age of 18 and those that only serve children accompanied by a custodial parent or guardian from the definition of “child-caring agency.”