HB 2930 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/13/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Department of Human Services (DHS) and 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.

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:

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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. federal 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 A 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. DHS or law enforcement agency are allowed to share the information concerning military status with appropriate military authorities when a report of child abuse is received.

Carrier: Rep. Boone