

SB 830 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Stark

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 05/04/17

Action: Do Pass.

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:

Modifies definition of “current caretaker” to mean a foster parent who is currently caring for a foster child or foster child’s sibling with a permanency plan for at least twelve cumulative months.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of SB 741 from 2015 Legislative Session
- Inclusion of equal consideration to relatives or current caregivers as adoptive parents
- Movement of foster children in and out of care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law defines a “current caretaker” as a foster parent who currently cares for a child in custody of DHS that has a permanency plan or concurrent adoption plan and who has cared for the foster child or the child’s sibling for the previous twelve consecutive months or for at least half of the child’s or sibling’s life when the child or sibling is less than two years old. Foster children may move in and out of consecutive foster care with caretakers during their time in custody of DHS. The definition of “current caretaker” only considers twelve months of consecutive care, which could result in disruption of permanency or concurrent adoption plans.

Senate Bill 830 modifies the definition of “current caretaker” to allow for a cumulative calculation of twelve months of care for a foster child or the child’s sibling.