

SB 245 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sanchez

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: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies definition of “child” for statutes regarding 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:

- Clarifies definition of child-caring agency
- Lack of clarity on what is and what is not a child-caring agency
- Exclusion of facilities exclusively providing services to children 18-21 years old

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law defines “child” as an unmarried person under 21 years of age for statutes governing child-caring agencies. Additionally, the current definition of a “child-caring agency” 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 be only persons under age 21 that receive care or services from child-caring agencies. Senate Bill 245 also modifies the definition of “child-caring agency” to exclude facilities that serve only people over the age of 18 and facilities serving children accompanied by a custodial parent or guardian.