

**HB 3068 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Monnes Anderson

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 05/15/17  
**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson  
**Exc:** 1 - Olsen  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Replaces child care resource and referral agencies with statewide "resource and referral system" implemented by Office of Child Care (OCC). Describes duties of resource and referral entities. Requires resource and referral entity to match at least 10 percent of public funds received. Directs OCC to implement federal requirements and establish criteria for processing proposals and awarding grants to establish resource and referral entities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Updating statutes to reflect new early learning developments and streamline child care services
- Permitting agency rulemaking for greater flexibility in resource and referral programs
- Budget impact of aggregated "minimal fiscals" on state agencies

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current Oregon law specifies that resource and referral agencies under the Office of Child Care (OCC) and the Early Learning Division (ELD) are responsible for providing information to parents about child care providers, providing technical assistance to existing and potential child care providers, and for coordinating community resources. They help parents locate child care during nontraditional work hours, help new providers work through the licensing process, and also focus on professional development for early learning workers. There is a trend toward centralization of information and referral functions to improve inefficiencies in child care resource and referrals, in part due to high turnover rates in the early learning workforce.

House Bill 3068-A replaces existing resource and referral agencies with a statewide resource and referral system implemented and managed by OCC. The statewide "resource and referral system" is a state-funded network to provide information to parents, train and provide technical assistance to child care providers, and recruit qualified child care professionals in a community. The measure requires resource and referral entities to provide specified services and requires entities to match at least 10 percent of the public funds they receive. Finally, House Bill 3068-A requires OCC to implement federal requirements for resource and referral systems, and establish criteria for processing proposals and awarding grants to establish new resource and referral entities.