

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2500**

Ordered by the House April 12  
Including House Amendments dated April 12

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB, Senator ROBLAN, Representative STARK (at the request of former Representative Wayne Krieger) (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Human Services, **in consultation with Department of Justice**, to develop and implement training and continuing education curriculum for [*department*] caseworkers that informs and instructs caseworkers on their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings. Requires curriculum to include presentations by [*judges and certain*] **Department of Justice** attorneys and to address circumstances under which caseworker may be engaging in unlicensed practice of law. Requires continuing education for caseworkers every [*two*] **four** years.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to mandated training for Department of Human Services caseworkers.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the De-**  
5 **partment of Justice, develop and implement a training and continuing education curriculum**  
6 **for persons who are employed by the Department of Human Services as caseworkers that**  
7 **informs and instructs caseworkers about their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings for**  
8 **children and wards whose matters the caseworkers have responsibility for or for whom the**  
9 **caseworker provides services.**

10 **(2) The curriculum shall include instruction and materials presented by Department of**  
11 **Justice attorneys with expertise in juvenile dependency proceedings. The curriculum shall,**  
12 **in particular, address circumstances under which a caseworker may be engaging in the un-**  
13 **licensed practice of law and shall describe the parameters of the role that a caseworker may**  
14 **play in courtroom proceedings.**

15 **(3) The Department of Human Services shall require caseworkers to participate in con-**  
16 **tinuing education at least once every four years that updates caseworkers on their roles in**  
17 **juvenile dependency proceedings.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.