

# Senate Bill 266

Sponsored by Senator GELSER; Senators DEMBROW, OLSEN (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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services to create and maintain website containing information about prospective adoptive children and prospective adoptive parents to increase awareness and provide resources about children who are available for adoption in state.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a Department of Human Services website for prospective adoptions.

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

4       **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall create and maintain a website**  
5 **that contains information about prospective adoptive children and prospective adoptive par-**  
6 **ents. The purpose of the website is to increase awareness and provide resources about chil-**  
7 **dren who are available for adoption in this state. The website shall, at a minimum, contain**  
8 **the following information:**

9       **(a) The number of children who are available and waiting for adoption, listed by age and**  
10 **by each child's number of siblings who are also available for adoption, if any.**

11       **(b) The number of children who are available for adoption and who have been placed in**  
12 **a guardianship.**

13       **(c) The number of prospective adoptive parents waiting for placement of a prospective**  
14 **adoptive child.**

15       **(d) The average number of days between a child becoming available for adoption and**  
16 **entry of a final judgment for adoption.**

17       **(e) The average number of days between submission of an application to adopt a child and**  
18 **entry of a final judgment for adoption.**

19       **(f) The telephone number and electronic mail address that may be used by prospective**  
20 **adoptive parents to make contact in each county in this state for information about applying**  
21 **to adopt a prospective adoptive child.**

22       **(g) An explanation of the basic requirements and process to adopt a child in this state**  
23 **in plain language that is easy to understand.**

24       **(h) The number of adoptions completed in each of the three preceding calendar years and**  
25 **the number of adoptions completed as of the current date for the current calendar year.**

26       **(i) As of the current date, the longest period of time in days a prospective adoptive child**  
27 **has waited in foster care for an adoptive placement after becoming available for adoption.**

28       **(j) The number of prospective adoptive children who have waited from one to four years**  
29 **for an adoptive placement, listed by category for one, two, three or four years.**

30       **(k) The number of children who became ineligible by reason of age to remain in foster**  
31 **care and who were available for adoption but were not adopted, including children placed in**

**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.

1 **guardianships.**

2 **(2) The department shall update the website on a weekly basis.**

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