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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Human Services to submit documents necessary to finalize certain pending adoptions on or before June 30, 2022.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to children; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) No later than June 30, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall make reasonable efforts to submit to the court all documents necessary to finalize all pending adoption proceedings that, on or before January 1, 2022, meet the following criteria:

(a) Parental rights have been terminated;

(b) The adoptive parent or parents have been designated by the department;

(c) The requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) have been met, if applicable;

(d) The child has not raised objections to the adoption; and

(e) There are no pending objections in the proceeding.

(2) No later than September 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to foster children describing:

(a) The number of adoptions finalized under subsection (1) of this section;

(b) The resources the department requires to ensure timely

1 **finalization of adoptions moving forward and any other barriers to**
2 **timely, appropriate permanency actions; and**

3 **(c) The number of adoptions identified in subsection (1) of this**
4 **section that remain pending and the barriers that prevented their**
5 **finalization.**

6 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

7 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
8 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
9 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**