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## **Oregon Department of Human Services 2021 Legislative Concepts Overview**

LC#	Office/ Title	Concept Overview
LC 360	ODHS Placeholder	LC 360 is a placeholder for needed changes to state law in response to federal policy changes.
LC 364	Child Welfare: Governors Foster Care Advisory Commission	LC 364 is a reintroduction of HB 2332 (2019), directing ODHS to provide staff support for Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission; increase the number of members on the commission from 11 to 13; and provides compensation and expense reimbursement for commission members.
LC 365	Child Welfare: Prevention	LC 365 is a placeholder that may be used to incorporate components of the state's 5-year plan which has been submitted for federal approval, as part of the Family First Prevention Services Act.
LC 366	Child Welfare: QRTP Language Fixes	LC 366 consists of technical fixes regarding Qualified Residential Treatment Programs, building upon SB 171 (2019), SB 1566 (2020) and SB 1605 (2020). Additionally, this concept expands on timelines for placement, updates language around nursing, and clarifies expectations for telehealth and transportation.
LC 367	Child Welfare: Protections for Minor Victims	LC 367 prevents minors from being charged with prostitution when they are victims of sex trafficking. Additionally, removes the term "prostitution" when referring to sexual contact with a minor.
LC 368	Child Welfare: Removing Identified Barriers to Permanency	LC 368 changes the criteria for how a foster parent becomes a "current caretaker", which allows for additional consideration as it relates to permanency options. This concept also requires a mechanism for the child and guardian to be heard before a child is returned home, and clarifies that children remain a ward of the court until they age out of the system or until other court action is taken.
LC 369	ODDS: Statute Alignment for Settings Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	LC 369 will give ODDS authority to consider the performance of a provider or provider agency operating a program in other states. This will align the statutory language for residential training homes and facilities with the statute for adult foster homes.

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LC 370	ODDS: State as Model Employer Program	LC 370 proposes strategies to raise awareness of the Model Employer Program. The Model Employer Program, an existing resource for state hiring managers, connects people with intellectual and development disabilities with state positions.
LC 371	ODDS: Housekeeping	LC 371 seeks to make technical fixes to the statues on Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP) functions. These technical fixes are needed as a result of SB 20 (2019).
LC 372	ODDS: Child in Care	LC 372 clarifies the definition of child in care in regard to children residing in certified foster homes or developmental disabilities residential facilities.
LC 373	ODDS: Client Privacy for Vulnerable Population	LC 373 adds the residential names and addresses of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who reside in adult foster homes, residential training facilities, and residential training homes to the “public records exempt from disclosure list”.
LC 374	ODDS: Supported Decision-Making	LC 374 updates Oregon law to require consideration of Supported Decision Making as an alternative to the appointment of a fiduciary for a person with a disability.
LC 375	ODHS Placeholder	LC 360 is a placeholder for needed changes to state law.
LC 377	GAO: Establishing the Office of the Human Services Ombuds	LC 377 will assist GAO in better serving Oregonians and ODHS clients by codifying its current scope of work in statute, changing the name of the office from the Office of the Children’s Advocate to the Office of the Human Services Ombuds, and making other updates.
LC 378	OPAR: Efficiencies for the Office of Payment Accuracy and Recovery	LC 378 will add ODHS and OHA as recipients of the incarcerated individuals list and remove the signature requirement for notices of garnishment issued. This will help prevent benefit overpayments by allowing for timely suspension of benefits in accordance with federal mandates and improve the business processes.
LC 379	OTIS: Confidentiality of Child Abuse Records	LC 379 seeks to compliment SB 1515 (2016) by extending the same child abuse report and records confidentiality protections provided for other child abuse investigation records.
LC 381	OTIS: Shifting the Child-Caring Agencies Fund to a Child-Caring Agencies Account	LC 381 will remove the requirement for these funds to be held separately, avoiding monthly bank fees. The goal is to enable more of the funds to be used to keep children and youth safe.

LC 382	OTIS: Independent Resident Facilities	LC 382 will correct contradictions that prevented IRFs from existing by ensuring the needed flexibility for certifying, authorizing, and licensing IRFs. IRFs are independent housing arrangements with minimal supervision and counseling services for current and former foster youth.
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