

**SB 811 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides undergraduate tuition and fee waivers to a foster parent's natural child. Establishes process for determining waiver amount. Limits waivers to 100 percent of tuition and fees. Requires natural child to apply for financial aid. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain records to facilitate waiver process. Authorizes DHS to adopt rules. Applies to tuition and fees at Oregon community colleges, Oregon public universities, and Oregon Health and Sciences University.

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, 5,733 Oregon children were in family foster care on an average daily basis, including 2,787 children placed with relatives. Under current law, foster children are eligible for free tuition and fees at Oregon community colleges and public universities. Senate Bill 811 extends tuition and fees waivers to natural children of foster parents, with the percentage waived based on the number of years their parent provided foster care.