

SB 221 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services to conduct study about children and youth with specialized needs and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Replaces measure. Directs appropriations from General Fund for 2019-2021 biennium as follows: \$6,600,000 to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for intensive in-home behavioral health care for children; \$3,076,000 to OHA for statewide implementation of crisis and transition services; \$6,600,000 to Department of Human Services (DHS) for implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, including in-home services; \$3,500,000 to DHS for therapeutic foster care; and \$8,400,000 to DHS to supplementing existing programs to include enhanced services for children with intellectual or developmental disabilities who may also have behavioral health needs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

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

BACKGROUND:

The Children and Youth with Specialized Needs work group formed in January of 2018 under the sponsorship of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The work group formed as a response to address the unique challenges of children with unique mental or behavioral health needs who come to the attention of different systems (such as the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, or the health system). Senate Bill 221 is a result of the recommendations from the Children and Youth with Specialized Needs work group.