

HB 3180 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates monies from the General Fund to the Department of Education beginning July 1, 2019 for development of both student curricula and educator training on child abuse prevention, teen dating and domestic violence, and related topics. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of child abuse response systems and development in Oregon.
- Gaps in current youth services relating to physical and behavioral health.
- Long-term financial costs associated with child abuse.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Creates the Child Abuse Assessment Account. Stipulates how Account is funded. Directs the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program to allocate money from the Account to eligible community assessment centers with a formula used by the Attorney General for distribution to victims' assistance programs. Stipulates that these distributions may not replace moneys currently available for county child abuse assessments. Allows Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment to accept certain federal, public, private and other funds and deposit these moneys into the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account or Child Abuse Assessment Account. Directs unexpended or unallocated moneys from Criminal Injuries Compensation Account to be deposited as provided by ORS 418.796. Appropriates \$6 million from General Fund to Department of Justice for deposit in the Child Abuse Assessment Account. Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to distribute \$600,000 to the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect in 2019/2020, and \$400,000 in 2020/2021 for the Oregon Child Abuse Prevention Study. Restricts study administrative costs to the University of Oregon to not more than 10 percent of funds distributed. Appropriates \$1 million to DHS for the child abuse prevention study.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, school district boards were mandated to: adopt educational programs to teach children how to recognize, escape, and report sexual abuse (ORS 336.059). In the same year, the Center for School Safety Account was established within the General Fund, which earmarks monies to research and evaluate programs related to school and community safety (ORS 339.336).

House Bill 3180 would distribute monies from the General Fund to the Department of Education to develop programs related to public health safety in Oregon schools.

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