

HB 2332 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Helt, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 3/20, 3/25, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates funds to the Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission for compensation and reimbursement for necessary travel and other expenses, modifies membership, and requires the Department of Human Services to provide staff support. Appropriates General Fund moneys to carry out commission's provisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Programs offered by the Commission
- Child safety programs when abuse is reported
- Goals of programs to try and reunite children in foster care with their parents
- Lived experiences of those who have experienced foster care
- Work load
- Need for dedicated staff

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, House Bill 4080 established the Oregon Child Foster Care Advisory Commission to study the issues within the Oregon foster care system and advise the Governor and the Department of Human Services on those issues.

The Commission is tasked to study legal and policy issues pertaining to the foster care system in Oregon and monitor accountability in the foster care system by measuring outcomes in a number of areas including increasing the number of children committed to the custody of the Department of Human Services who are placed with family members, relatives, or next of kin; decreasing the number of placements in, and removals from, substitute care for individual children committed to the custody of the department; decreasing the length of time children spend in substitute care; and related areas of child safety in Oregon.

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