

HB 3383 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/27, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop a pilot program to contract with Yamhill County for provision of community-based child welfare services. Specifies the criteria DHS must adopt for the pilot program. Directs department to report annually to interim committees of Legislative Assembly regarding progress of the pilot program. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No intent for Yamhill County to become independent of Department of Human Services (DHS) child welfare
- Yamhill County's contract to develop a strategic plan for services and a "blueprint" for a pilot program
- Innovation programs developed in Yamhill County, including addiction treatment and community and family supports
- DHS child welfare workers would not be replaced by a pilot program
- Success of the Yamhill County coordinated care organization and how it could be a model for child welfare
- Union's concern about possible system fragmentation, oversight, wages, and finding qualified workers
- States that have privatized child welfare system and challenges experienced in those systems

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Child and Family Services Reviews (completed by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) incorporate seven measures to assess state performance on safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for the children they serve. Community-based approaches are part of most of these measures. "Some states have used the CFSR [Child and Family Services Reviews] process to engage judges and court personnel, provider and other agency stakeholders, foster parents and community members not only as sources of qualitative information as the on-site interview process requires, but also as partners in PIP [Program Improvement Plan] development," (Center for the Study of Social Policy). According to the Children's Bureau, "A child welfare driven system of care focuses on establishing a stable and supportive community that assists with placement and case planning, encourages community members to guide families and staff in building a supportive community network, and actively engages the community in decision-making." The Children's Bureau calls for child welfare systems to engage the community by using the community as a resource for child outcome improvements and having community members as stakeholders in system improvement.

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