

SB 475 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Stark

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 05/15/19

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-0-1

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

Abs: 1 - Helt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/8, 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes school districts to provide abbreviated school day program to students in foster care if individualized education program team provided student's foster parent with specified notice and an opportunity to participate in placement decision. Expands requirements of written notice provided by school districts to parents and foster parents of students participating in abbreviated school day programs. Defines "foster youth."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process that allows for abbreviated school days; written notice to parents; allowing for parental engagement
- Failure to explicitly include foster parents

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), 11,645 children spent at least one day in foster care in Oregon in 2017. Of them, 6,938 were age six or older. An abbreviated school day is any school day during which a student receives instruction or education services for fewer hours than other students who are in the same grade and school.

Senate Bill 475 A authorizes school districts to provide an abbreviated school day program to a student in foster care if the school district provided specified information and the foster parent had an opportunity to meaningfully engage in the decision.