

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 994 - B

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to study and make recommendations on provisions of state law relating to juveniles.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate, at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 994 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct criminal records checks through the Law Enforcement Data System on the noncustodial parent and all adults in the same home as the noncustodial parent. The bill resolves conflicts with SB 9245 which addresses protective custody of children and their placement into the least restrictive settings and has been enacted into law.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Current law permits but does not require DHS Child Welfare to conduct criminal records checks through the Law Enforcement Data System on the noncustodial parent and all adults in the same home as the noncustodial parent. Under current practice for purposes of permanent placement, DHS Child Welfare consistently conducts criminal record checks on any adult in the home of a placement through the Background Check Unit, a shared service with the Oregon Health Authority. Passage of this bill will not have an impact on the Background Check Unit. However, for a portion of temporary placements, DHS Child Welfare may conduct its own certification checks within the individual branches using the Law Enforcement Data System or by accessing ECourts. Because under current practice these checks are not consistently tracked, DHS cannot quantify the potential increase in criminal records checks that may result from passage of this bill. DHS anticipates an increase in workload for DHS Child Welfare, but cannot quantify this impact on staffing and resources at this time.

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on OJD.