

HB 4039 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates to the Department of Human Services \$2.5 million from the General Fund for services to be provided to unaccompanied homeless youth. Declares emergency. Effective on Passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program was assigned to the Department of Human Services (DHS). In 2019 it was placed under Self Sufficiency Programs. According to a 2016 report from the DHS Homeless Youth Advisory Committee, during the 2014-2015 school year, Oregon school districts counted 3,232 unaccompanied homeless students. During the January 2015 Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Point-in-Time count, 1,280 unaccompanied youth plus 135 parenting youth (with 157 children), totaling 1,572 homeless youth were counted.

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