

HB 3366 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to establish a Family Treatment Court Program in seven Oregon counties. Specifies program components and eligibility requirements. Assigns duties to the State Court Administrator and requires biennial reporting to the Legislature, with the first report due September 15, 2023. Appropriates an unspecified amount to OJD and the Department of Human Services (DHS) for program administration. Directs Public Defense Services Commission to establish a Parent-Child Representation Program to deliver legal services to eligible persons. Appropriates an unspecified amount to the Public Defense Services Commission for program administration.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare defines family treatment courts as collaborative and multidisciplinary efforts to serve families with substance use disorders and who are involved with the child welfare system, that seek to provide safe environments for children, intensive judicial monitoring, and interventions to treat parents' substance use disorders and other co-occurring risk factors. The National Strategic Plan for Family Drug Courts (FDCs) outlines a coordinated national strategy to enhance and expand the use of FDCs to reach more children and families.

House Bill 3366 establishes Family Treatment Courts Programs in seven additional? counties and appropriates funds.