

HB 2387 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces Department of Administrative Services (DAS) discretion to contract, with *requirement* to contract, with a nongovernmental statewide coordinating entity to oversee Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Program and services. Makes other modifications consistent with this end and requires contracted entity to ensure CASA compliance with National CASA Association standards and with Oregon's Juvenile Code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Disbursement model and strategy, account for difference in costs to meet specific needs in each county
- Culturally specific trainings and recruitment of volunteers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, administration of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Program was transferred from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) (pursuant to CHAPTER 630, section 3(1), 2017 Oregon Laws). DAS currently has discretion to contract-out oversight of CASA services with an intermediate entity.

House Bill 2387 replaces DAS existing discretion to contract-out, with the *requirement* that it contract with a statewide nongovernmental coordinating entity to manage and oversee CASA Volunteer Programs and services in Oregon.