

**SB 707 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide each child and ward placed by the agency in an out-of-state residential facility, between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2021, a notice of their right to seek civil remedy if there is a belief they were treated negligently. ODHS is required, upon written request by the child and the child's or ward's representative, to provide all of the information in the department's possession or control, including incident reports, injuries, and abuse allegations, regarding the child or ward and arising from incidents that occurred during the period of time the child was placed in the out-of-state residential facility. ODHS is required to report to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2022 on the number of children who have requested release of their records, the agency's progress obtaining the required records, and information on any facility's refusal to release the requested information.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**