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**To:** General Government Subcommittee

**From:** Michael Graham, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 9, 2021

**Subject:** HB 2738 – Relating to court appointed special advocates  
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2738, as amended by the -A3 amendments, requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with a nongovernmental statewide coordinating entity to oversee the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Program and services. DAS must disburse and expend moneys in the CASA Fund to the statewide coordinating entity; however, no moneys may distributed to a CASA Volunteer Program unless the program has submitted to the statewide coordinating entity the program's annual diversity, equity, inclusion and accountability plan. DAS must ensure that CASA Volunteer Programs comply with the state's standards and practices and with the National CASA Association's standards and practices and perform the duties and functions under the Oregon Juvenile Code. The measure takes effect on passage.

A preliminary staff measure summary and a minimal fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

### **Recommended Changes**

The -A3 amendment removes both the \$5,670,000 General Fund appropriation and the \$250,000 General Fund appropriation to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund. LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 2738, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

### **Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_