

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2505 - A4

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Measure Description:

Directs Governor’s Child Foster Care Advisory Commission to establish Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee to advise the commission and Department of Human Services regarding equitable provision of child welfare services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Office of the Governor, Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2505 - A4 outlines requirements for the Governor’s Child Foster Care Advisory Commission. The Commission is expanded from 11 to 13 members. The Commission may establish any advisory or technical committees to advise the Commission in the performance of its duties.

The Commission is directed to establish a Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee which is to advise the Commission on culturally appropriate child welfare services, among other duties. The Committee is to meet at least once every two months, and members of this committee are entitled to compensation and expenses, paid from funds appropriated to the Commission for that purpose. No later than September 1 of every even numbered year starting in 2022, the Commission must report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services on the activities and recommendations of the Committee, and any actions taken to implement these recommendations.

DHS is directed to provide the Commission with necessary clerical and administrative support, including at least one full-time policy analyst. DHS assumes that this position will be filled with one full-time permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE in 2021-23, 1.00 FTE in 2023-25). This position and associated Services and Supplies is estimated to cost \$143,870 General Fund and \$47,956 Federal Funds in 2021-23; and \$188,929 General Fund and \$62,975 Federal Funds in 2023-25. This position and associated funding are included in the DHS 2021-23 request budget as part of Policy Option Package 115 (Governor’s Child Foster Care Advisory Commission).

There may be other costs related to this measure as members of the Commission and the Committee are both entitled to compensation and expense reimbursement from funds appropriated to the Commission for that purpose. Total funding needs are indeterminate as this measure does not clarify the anticipated size of the Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee. **It is also not clear if these funds will be administered by the Governor’s Office or DHS.**

There is no fiscal impact for the Oregon Judicial Department or the Department of Justice.