

## HB 3366 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Human Services

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**Action Date:** 03/29/21

**Action:** Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Leif, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/22, 3/29

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to establish a Family Treatment Court Program in seven additional 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:

- Family treatment courts (FTCs) range of services and program impacts
- Workforce to establish FTCs or provide additional services in counties that already have FTCs

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare defines family treatment courts (FTCs) as collaborative and multidisciplinary efforts to serve families with substance use disorders 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 outlines a coordinated national strategy to enhance and expand the use of FTCs to reach more children and families. FTCs are highly effective interventions to address the public health crisis while improving outcomes for families and communities, according to a 2019 report by the Center for Children and Family Futures and National Association of Drug Court Professionals. A meta-analysis of 16 evaluations examining FTC outcomes found that families that participated in an FTC were two times more likely to reunify than families receiving conventional services; children in FTCs were less likely to be placed in foster care or exited the foster care system faster; and parents were more likely to be successful in treatment. Oregon has FTCs established in 11 counties: Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Jackson, Klamath, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Wasco, and Yamhill. House Bill 3366 establishes seven additional Family Treatment Court Programs and additional services in already existing programs and appropriates funds for administration.