HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2505

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 10 through 25 and insert:

"(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided, members of a committee created under this section are not entitled to compensation but, in the discretion of the commission, may be reimbursed from funds available to the commission for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by the members in the performance of official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.

"(3)(a) The commission shall establish a Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee composed of members of the commission, employees of the Department of Human Services who make decisions regarding the removal of children from their homes, current or former foster parents or foster children and other child welfare stakeholders. The commission shall appoint members of the committee in such a manner as to ensure representation from all segments of the child foster care system that are affected by the work of the committee, taking into consideration the geographic, racial, ethnic and gender diversity of the populations receiving child welfare services. A majority of the members of the committee must represent populations disproportionately overrepresented in the child welfare system."

On page 2, line 7, after "served" insert "by state agencies, including the department, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Youth Authority".

In line 12, delete "and the department" and insert ", the department, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Youth Authority".

In line 20, delete "underserved communities" and insert "disproportionately overrepresented communities in the child welfare system".

After line 20, insert:

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"(g) The commission shall take the committee's recommendations into consideration at the next commission meeting or, if the agenda for the next commission meeting has already been posted at the time the commission receives the committee's recommendations, at the following commission meeting.".

In line 21, delete "(g)" and insert "(h)".

In line 23, delete "The report" and insert "The commission, in its discretion, may submit interim reports. The reports submitted under this paragraph".

On page 3, line 37, delete "with the" and insert ", including any advisory or technical committees established under section 1 of this 2021 Act, with any".

In line 42, delete "and the Director of Human Services" and insert ", the Director of Human Services, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority and the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority".

In line 44, delete "director" and insert "directors".

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