

Senate Bill 281

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services to submit documents necessary to finalize certain pending adoptions on or before June 30, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to children; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) No later than June 30, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall**
5 **make reasonable efforts to submit to the court all documents necessary to finalize all pend-**
6 **ing adoption proceedings that, on or before January 1, 2022, meet the following criteria:**

7 (a) **Parental rights have been terminated;**

8 (b) **The adoptive parent or parents have been designated by the department;**

9 (c) **The requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) have been**
10 **met, if applicable;**

11 (d) **The child has not raised objections to the adoption; and**

12 (e) **There are no pending objections in the proceeding.**

13 (2) **No later than September 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report to the interim**
14 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to foster children describing:**

15 (a) **The number of adoptions finalized under subsection (1) of this section;**

16 (b) **The resources the department requires to ensure timely finalization of adoptions**
17 **moving forward and any other barriers to timely, appropriate permanency actions; and**

18 (c) **The number of adoptions identified in subsection (1) of this section that remain**
19 **pending and the barriers that prevented their finalization.**

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

21 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.