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# Title: <u>SB 84</u>, CW: Prevention

## **Concept:**

<u>Senate Bill (SB) 84</u> is a placeholder to align statute with the proposed state Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) five-year Title IV-E Plan currently being reviewed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

# **History:**

- FFPSA changed the way Title IV-E Funds could be spent by states and requires states to have an approved Title IV-E Plan. Plans may include the option to utilize Title IV-E Funds for prevention services that would allow "candidates for foster care" to be served by a state's child welfare services, if they can remain safely with their parent or relative caregiver.
- To bring this opportunity to Oregon, <u>SB 171 (2019)</u> was passed and enacted new FFPSA federal mandates for children who live in licensed congregate-care settings.

## **Impact if not passed:**

- The federal government has required very specific actions by states to utilize these funds. Failure to be responsive to the requirements being outlined by HHS will result in Oregon losing the option to use Title IV-E Funds for prevention services.
- Significant fiscal impact as Oregon does not have a broad array of private sector prevention services approved for use by the federal government.
- Oregon would be required to make substantial investments with the loss of Title IV-E Funds in order to transition the state's child welfare service delivery model.

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