

HB 4111 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 02/08/22

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Nelson, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Scharf, Schouten, Williams

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the University of Oregon (UO) to study the prevalence of child abuse statewide and submit a report to the legislature by September 15, 2023. Appropriates \$700,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for distribution to the UO for costs directly related to the study. Sunsets January 2, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Methodology and inclusion of BIPOC children, ensuring equitable approach
- Demographic data and culturally specific responses and strategies
- Pilot study, lessons learned, and establishing baselines
- Accurate representation of Oregon demographics and sample size, barriers to inclusion of private school system

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect (CPAN) was established in 2012 within the University of Oregon (UO) College of Education to address child abuse and neglect prevention in Lane County. It spent two years conducting research into how other states and countries measure child abuse prevalence rates and developing a pilot study of students in Lane County that returned its first results in 2018, called the Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Study (OCAPS). OCAPS is a 167-question survey for students 16 years and older, which measures social support, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, child exposure to intimate partner and domestic violence, adverse childhood experiences, dating violence, weapons use and exposure, and school and health outcomes.

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