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AGENDA

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MONDAY

**Date: September 23, 2024
Time: 8:30 AM
Room: HR E**

Informational Meeting

Invited testimony only

Welcome and Overview

Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Senate District 8

Updates on Prior Year Legislation

Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Senate District 8

Report From the Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting (SB 606, 2023)

Mercedes Elizalde, Task Force Chair

Jim White, Executive Director, Nonprofit Association of Oregon

Implementation of the Brain Injury Navigator Program (SB 420, 2023)

Jane-ellen Weidanz, APD Deputy Director of Policy, Oregon Department of Human Services

Kathryn Nichols, parent

Oregon Public Facing Direct Care Worker Registry (SB 1556, 2022)

Jane-ellen Weidanz, APD Deputy Director of Policy, Oregon Department of Human Services

Courtney Graham, Political Director, SEIU Local 503

Libby Batlan, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Oregon Health Care Association

Online Portal for Electronic Submission of Mandatory Child Abuse Reports (SB 231, 2023)

Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services

Michael Lemke, ORCAH Business and Operations Manager, Oregon Department of Human Services

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Duffel Bags Update (SB 548, 2023)

Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services
Seema Steffany, Founder of Project Never Again

Dynamic Life and LC Beach House Update: Overview of ODHS Internal Audit of Unregulated Providers of Services to Children in Child Welfare

Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services

Towards Safety, Dignity and Stability: Perspectives on Settlement of Wyatt v. Kotek Class Action Lawsuit

Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services

Emily Cooper, Legal Director, Disability Rights Oregon

Whitney Rodgers, Program Director, Oregon Foster Youth Connection

Individuals with lived experience as children and youth in the legal or physical custody of Oregon Child Welfare

Any individual who experienced care as a child or youth in the Child Welfare System is welcome to offer comment in person or virtually about their experience or perspectives on child welfare issues. These individuals are also invited to submit written comment for the record. Oregon law protects the right of all children in care to freely speak publicly or privately about their experience in care and retaliation is prohibited.

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Those offering testimony in person can also inform the committee staff in the hearing room that they are there and they will be invited to speak by the chair.

Please note this is limited to individuals who were or are currently served by the Oregon Child Welfare System as children or youth.

“It is the policy of this state that a child, ward or youth may not be prohibited from, disciplined for or retaliated against for publicly or privately speaking about the child, ward or youth’s experience receiving child welfare services.” ORS 418.203

Note change: Added topic "Duffel Bags Update (SB 548, 2023)"

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