

SB 98 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services to study demographics of families receiving child welfare services and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) is part of a larger statewide social safety-net system that works to support families and communities. This safety net not only works during a life-threatening crisis but well beforehand. DHS is tasked with working with public and private partners to support families and communities by providing economic support, enhancing parenting skills, helping people with their housing needs and employment goals, providing health and behavioral services, helping treat alcohol and substance use disorders, and ensuring child safety and family well-being. DHS is currently in the [process of transforming](#) the Child Welfare Division to better support the individual needs of families and Oregon’s children and young people.

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