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Measure Description:

Permits Department of Human Services to require specified providers to submit corrective action plan in lieu of investigating report of suspected abuse of child in care in certain circumstances.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services to the House Committee on Rules.

The measure grants the Department of Human Services the authority to require a child-caring agency, proctor foster home, certified foster home, or developmental disabilities residential facility to submit a corrective action plan when it appears a report of child abuse is unsubstantiated. The measure provides that an investigation of reported abuse of a child in care is unsubstantiated if evidence demonstrates that abuse occurred but there was little or no harm to the child, no intent to harm the child, and the behavior was reasonably necessary to protect the child from greater harm. The measure requires the System of Care Advisory Council to establish and administer a grant program to provide "Just Culture" training and training that is trauma-informed and includes best clinical practices to those who provide residential services to children in care. Two General Fund appropriations are established for the System of Care Advisory Council to pay for both required trainings. The provisions of the measure apply to acts or behavior on or after January 1, 2024

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Rules.

Further Analysis Required

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