

**HB 3256 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Gelser Blouin**Senate Committee On Human Services**


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**Action Date:** 05/01/23  
**Action:** Do pass.  
**Vote:** 3-2-0-0  
**Yeas:** 3 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 2 - Robinson, Weber  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 4/24, 5/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits parents or guardians to attend to child residing in a developmental disability child foster home without approval of the Department of Human Services (DHS). Permits children aged 18 to 26 to continue residing in a developmental disability child foster home if approved by DHS. Requires children in developmental disability child foster homes be unrelated to the person maintaining the home by adoption, in addition to being unrelated by blood or marriage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of parent or guardian when child is placed in developmental disability child foster home
- Situations when a parent may need to attend to child
- Placing children in foster homes in Oregon

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

[Developmental disability child foster homes](#) serve children with intellectual or developmental disabilities between the ages of birth to 18 years old (ORS 443.830). The range of support needs is widely varied, and individual plans are developed to address the specific needs of the children in care. Developmental disability child foster homes are single-family residences that offer 24-hour care in a home-like setting that is safe and secure. Homes serve four to seven children, depending on the number of certified adults living in the home. The goal of these foster homes is to provide necessary care and support while emphasizing effective child-rearing practices to enable a child placed in the foster home to grow, develop, and build positive personal relationships and self-esteem through a cooperative relationship between the provider, the child, his/her legal representative, and the [Community Developmental Disabilities Program \(CDDP\)](#) service coordinator. Child foster home providers provide meals, transportation to appointments and other activities, medication management, assistance with activities of daily living, education, personal care, mobility, and household activities. Support is also provided for behavioral challenges, implementation of nursing care, behavior support, and individual support plans. Developmental disability child foster homes in Oregon are inspected and certified prior to receiving children for care and then every two years to maintain certification. CDDP certifiers work with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to assure that all aspects of certification are complete and provide technical assistance as needed. Certificates are issued by DHS ([Oregon Administrative Rule, Chapter 411 Division 346](#)).

House Bill 3256 allows a parent or guardian to attend to a child in a developmental disability child foster home with approval from the Department of Human Services and directs DHS to develop standards for granting approvals by administrative rule. Permits children aged 18 to 26 year to continue residing in foster homes if DHS

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approves.