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To: Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Human Services

From: Matthew Perreault, Legislative Analyst, Legislative Policy and Research Office

Re: Committee legislative concepts for the 2026 legislative session

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**LC 68** modifies provisions of the Oregon Foster Children's Bill of Rights and the Oregon Foster Children's Sibling Bill of Rights; modifies the definition of "child in care;" exempts a child's parent from investigations of suspected abuse of a child in care; and requires the Department of Human Services to inform parents and guardians that department representatives cannot provide legal advice during an investigation of suspected child abuse.

**LC 280** is an omnibus measure that modifies the authority of the Department of Human Services with regard to residential and long term care facilities, developmental disabilities services, and children in care. The measure specifies requirements for the department to impose a license condition on a residential or long term care facility based on a preliminary finding or substantiated finding of immediate jeopardy. The measure also requires the department to adopt a model consent form for using a video camera or electronic recording device in a resident's room at a facility. Additionally, the measure modifies reporting requirements and requires the department to adopt a differentiated rate model for providers of attendant care services who live with their clients.

The measure also specifies provisions for out-of-state placements of children in care that are pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act and in eating disorder treatment programs. Finally, the measure prohibits the department from substantiating an allegation of abuse of a child in care solely due to a person's lapsed certification for training on the use of restraint and seclusion.

**LC 281** modifies the authority of the Department of Human Services to regulate providers of services for children in care. The measure modifies provisions relating to abuse of a child in care. The measure also modifies provisions that govern the department's licensing and regulatory authority over child-caring agencies. Lastly, the measure allows the department to place children in care in certain congregate care settings pursuant to specified requirements.