

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 741

Ordered by the Senate April 18
Including Senate Amendments dated April 18

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN; Senators CAMPOS, WEBER, Representatives RUIZ, SCHARF (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DHS to make a report about payment to people who run foster homes. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.5).

[Digest: The Act tells DHS to adopt a compensation rate structure for foster parents. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).]

[Directs the Department of Human Services to adopt a rate structure for foster parent compensation.]

Directs the Department of Human Services to report each even-numbered year to the relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly and the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means about compensation to individuals who maintain a foster home or to child caring agencies that authorize proctor foster homes.

[Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to foster parent compensation.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "cost to raise a child" means the amount a family**
5 **will spend per child as estimated in the most recent United States Department of Agriculture**
6 **report on Expenditures on Children by Families, adjusted for inflation.**

7 **(2) Not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Department of Human Services**
8 **shall report to the relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly and the Joint**
9 **Interim Committee on Ways and Means about compensation to individuals who maintain a**
10 **foster home or to child caring agencies that authorize proctor foster homes. The report must**
11 **include, at a minimum, information about each of the following as measured on April 1 of**
12 **the reporting year:**

13 **(a) The total number of certified foster homes serving children.**

14 **(b) The total number of child-specific foster homes serving children.**

15 **(c) The total number of general foster homes serving children.**

16 **(d) The total number of proctor foster homes serving children.**

17 **(e) The total number of foster homes and the total number of foster homes approved to**
18 **serve children but without any current placement.**

19 **(f) The total number of children served in proctor or certified foster homes.**

20 **(g) The current payment methodology for services provided by proctor foster parents and**
21 **by certified foster parents, including but not limited to:**

22 **(A) The base payment rate.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **(B) Any enhanced rates.**
 - 2 **(C) Any reimbursements for mileage, childcare or respite.**
 - 3 **(h) The date and percentage of the last certified foster care or proctor foster care rate**
 - 4 **increase.**
 - 5 **(i) An explanation of what percentage of the cost to raise a child is represented by the**
 - 6 **current base rate for certified foster care and proctor foster care, disaggregated by age**
 - 7 **group.**
 - 8 **(j) An estimate of the General Fund cost to raise the base rate for certified and proctor**
 - 9 **foster care to 90 percent and 100 percent of the cost to raise a child, disaggregated by age**
 - 10 **group.**
 - 11 **(k) The current base rate for certified and proctor foster care in Washington, Idaho,**
 - 12 **California, Nevada and Utah.**
 - 13 **SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall submit the first report under**
 - 14 **section 1 of this 2025 Act no later than July 1, 2026.**
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