75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Human Services & Rural Health Policy

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Telfer
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Meeting Dates:	5/20

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services to provide, on a quarterly basis and at minimal cost, orientation for new child care providers who are not registered or certified, but are approved to receive funds from the department for child care services. Requires the orientation to cover financial and food resources, reimbursements and provider rights and responsibilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complexities of filling out child care billing form
- Orientations are training tool to promote child safety and well-being
- Examples of training subject areas for attendees
- Mandatory orientations available at no cost to recipient

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Proponents of House Bill 2868-A contend that a mandatory orientation system would give providers a basic understanding of the Department of Human Services' system and reduce administrative costs incurred due to provider mistakes. Providers would be trained in maintaining required records, minimum health and safety standards and filling out forms and reports. Information about accessing other resources through private, state and federal programs, such as classes on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for infants and toddlers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program and enhanced rate training program, would result in improved quality of care for low-income children in Oregon. Home care workers providing a similar service to seniors and peoples with disabilities already have a mandatory orientation system that has proven to be successful in the department's home care setting.