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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to continue to reimburse behavioral rehabilitation services provider for children removed pending investigation of abuse.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2233 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create an advisory committee within the department's Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations (OAAPI) to advise DHS with respect to residential care for children, youth or youth offenders and programs and facilities that provide residential care for this population. The bill defines the work and scope of the advisory committee as:

- Setting a January 2, 2016 sunset date for the advisory committee.
- Specifying that the committee will meet no more than six times before the submission of the report to an interim committee of the legislature (no later than December 15, 2015).
- Focusing the work of the committee to evaluating the current process for making findings of abuse or neglect in residential care, and developing recommendations for ensuring the safety of children, youth or youth offenders in residential care.

The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

The fiscal impact of this bill as amended on the Department of Human Services is minimal. DHS will reprioritize the duties of existing staff and resources to facilitate the work of the advisory committee.