

SB 830 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definition of foster parent who is “current caretaker” of specified ward to include those currently caring for ward and who cared for ward or ward’s sibling for 12 cumulative months or cumulatively one half of ward's or sibling's life when ward or sibling is under two years of age.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon law and Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative rules, “current caretakers” are foster parents that have a long term relationship with a ward and can get priority as a potential adoptive parent for the child. Statute defines “current caretakers” as foster parents who: (1) currently care for a ward in custody of DHS that has a permanency plan or concurrent adoption plan; and (2) have cared for the ward or ward’s sibling for the previous 12 consecutive months, or has cared for the ward or sibling at least half of the ward's or sibling’s life when the ward or sibling is less than two years old.

Senate Bill 830 modifies the definition of “current caretaker” to allow for cumulative calculation of a foster parent’s time spent caring for a ward or ward’s sibling. The measure’s definition includes foster parents who have cared for a ward or ward’s sibling for a cumulative 12 months (rather than only the immediately preceding 12 consecutive months) or foster parents that have cared for half of a ward or sibling’s life, if the child is under two years old, with that time calculated cumulatively.