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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 27, 2017

Subject: SB 243 – Relating to abuse reporting regarding children in care
Work Session Recommendations

SB 243 includes certified foster homes and developmental disabilities residential facilities in statutes concerning welfare of children in care. It also modifies notification requirements for substantiated abuse reports.

The bill, preliminary staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services on 2/1/17 and 2/13/17; this Subcommittee held a public hearing on the bill on June 12, 2017.

The bill's fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services is primarily driven by system changes, training needs, notification requirements, and an expected increase in legal actions as providers and other system participants adapt to the different standard of abuse definition. To cover these costs, the DHS budget bill (SB 5526) includes \$448,606 total funds and one limited duration full-time position (0.50 FTE). Any needed Department of Justice spending authority associated with legal costs will be addressed in the end-of-session bill.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 243 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 243 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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