

**HB 2930 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Olsen

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 05/17/17

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits Department of Human Services (DHS) and law enforcement agencies to collect information regarding military status of parent or guardian of child who is subject of child abuse report. Permits information to be shared with appropriate military authorities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of measure in House
- Collaboration between state child welfare agencies and military authorities
- Intent to prevent confidential information from being shared with subject of investigation
- DHS discretion to withhold information to protect children or integrity of investigation

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Defense's Family Advocacy Program works to prevent abuse by implementing programs, education, assessments, rehabilitative treatment, and ongoing monitoring and risk management for military families. Federal law requires the Secretary of Defense to request a report from each state on known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect involving child care by a service member or the spouse of a service member. Current Oregon law requires child abuse to be reported to the Department of Human Services (DHS) or to a law enforcement agency.

House Bill 2930-A allows DHS and law enforcement agencies to collect information concerning the military status of parents or guardians of children who are the subject of alleged child abuse and permits that information to be shared with appropriate military authorities.