

SB 475 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes school districts to provide abbreviated school day program to students in foster care if individualized education program team provided student's foster parent with specified notice and an opportunity to participate in placement decision. Expands written notice requirements provided by school districts to parents and foster parents of students participating in abbreviated school day programs. Defines "foster youth."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), 11,645 children spent at least one day in foster care in Oregon in 2017. Of them, 6,938 were age six or older. An abbreviated school day is any school day during which a student receives instruction or education services for fewer hours than other students who are in the same grade and school.

Senate Bill 475 A authorizes school districts to provide an abbreviated school day program to a student in foster care if the foster parents of the student were meaningfully engaged in the placement decision and if the school district provided specified information to the foster parent. The measure also requires school districts to provide specified information to foster parents and obtain a signed acknowledgment.