

HB 2644 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Helt, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Youth Development Division (Division) to administer a pilot program to coordinate the delivery of services to youth between 6 and 21 years of age via Youth Development Hubs. Requires program to establish at least five Hubs, and that Hubs be located in at least five different counties. Requires Division to develop standards including guidelines for selecting Hub entities. Requires Division to consider the entities: 1) ability to engage community; 2) produce outcomes; 3) resourcefulness; and 4) use, or proposed use, of evidence-based practices. Requires Division to report on pilot program no later than September 15, 2024. Repeals Act on December 31, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Now defunct Commissions on Children and Families (Commissions) and work done to address lower income families and children in accessing opportunities and program
- Intent to just create five new programs or to bolster existing programs
- Alliance4Kids coalition review of adverse events involving children
- Services and successes of Commissions and how they varied among counties
- Challenges of rural communities in serving children and families

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Development Division is in the Oregon Department of Education. The purpose of the Division is to ensure that services are provided to school-age children through youth 24 years of age in a manner that supports educational success, focuses on crime prevention, reduces high-risk behaviors, and is integrated, measurable, and accountable.

HB 2644 directs Youth Development Division to administer a pilot program to coordinate the delivery of services to youth between 6 and 21 years of age via Youth Development Hubs.