

HB 2969 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/03/19

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

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: 3/27, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with an academic research-based nonprofit organization that has expertise and other qualifications in trauma-informed practices, outreach capabilities, and a record of working with state agencies. Requires contract to include collaboration and coordination with various state and nonprofit entities. Outlines the charge in program. Appropriates \$325,000 General Fund to DAS to carry out the program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of trauma on children in school, on health, other areas
- Content of HCR 33 (2017) on recognition of trauma's impact
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Different school systems using trauma-informed practices
- Data on improvement of school failure rate and absenteeism when trauma is addressed
- Oregon Health Authority 2014 policy updates
- Contracting issue addressed in amendment
- Number of people that need to be trained to have an effective system

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with a nonprofit organization that has expertise and other qualifications in trauma-informed practices, outreach capabilities, a record of working with state agencies, and is an academic research-based institution. Requires contract include collaboration and coordination with various state and nonprofit entities. Outlines the charge of the program. Appropriates \$325,000 to DAS to carry out the program.

BACKGROUND:

Recent research has significantly improved understanding of how emotional neglect and exposure to trauma and toxic stress can affect the way children perceive and interact with their world during childhood. This understanding has helped develop evidence-based, trauma-informed practices that promote healing and resiliency. Post-traumatic stress injuries and trauma-related symptoms in children and adults can result from a single traumatic incident or cumulative exposure. Both children and adults can develop negative coping behaviors that limit their capacity to function in healthy ways. Such trauma experienced by children, in particular, can impact brain development, and unhealthy patterns of perception and interaction can persist into adulthood and be passed on to subsequent generations. Treatment in early childhood may combat the impacts of adverse childhood experiences. In addition, addressing a child's brain development is more effective and less costly than addressing issues later in life. House Concurrent Resolution 33 (2017) was adopted and encourages state officers,

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agencies, and employers to learn about the impact of trauma and to implement evidence-based trauma-informed practices and interventions.

HB 2969-A appropriates funds to DAS to contract with a researched-based institution to assist public and private entities that work with children by providing trauma-informed services.