

HB 3178 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/08/19

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

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies allocation formula for grants to regional assessment centers and community assessment centers. Establishes the Child Abuse Assessment Account within the State Treasury for the purpose of grant program for assessment centers. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to the Department of Justice for the purpose of funding the program. Modifies authority of the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment to deposit contributions to Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account and Child Abuse Assessment Account. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mission of Sexual Assault Task Force and support of measure
- Demand for services outpaces capacity of Child Abuse Centers
- Training provided aimed at preventing child sexual abuse
- Child abuse assessment centers' strong partnerships with law enforcement

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2221 (2005) created the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program within the Department of Justice. The purpose of the program is to: 1) establish and maintain a coordinated, multidisciplinary, community-based system for responding to allegations of child abuse that is sensitive to the needs of children; 2) ensure the safety and health of children who are victims of child abuse to the greatest extent possible; and 3) administer the grant programs established under ORS 418.746 (Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account) and 418.786 (Grant program). The program's purpose includes to establish and maintain "sufficient county multidisciplinary child abuse teams to conduct timely investigations of allegations of child abuse and provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse through coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plans" and "sufficient regional assessment centers and community assessment centers in Oregon to ensure that every child reasonably suspected to have been subjected to child abuse receives a skilled, complete and therapeutic child abuse medical assessment," (ORS 418.780).