

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure: SB 171 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Prescribes specific circumstances and conditions under which Department of Human Services may place a child or ward in a child care institution or other congregate care residential setting.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA),

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Human Services to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure:

- Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make payments to operators of child-caring agencies that provides residential care and treatment.
- Defines a qualified residential treatment program.
- Prescribes specific circumstances and conditions under which DHS may place a child or ward in a child care institution or other congregate care residential setting, including out-of-state placements.

The measure requires DHS to ensure that an independent, qualified individual assesses the strengths and needs of each child or ward the department places in a qualified residential treatment program. The measure prescribes what must be included in the assessment. DHS must move the court for approval of a placement no later than 30 days following the date of placement.

In addition, the measure requires DHS and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to report to the Legislature by September 1, 2019 with a summary of the department’s plan for in-state placements for Oregon children and wards and to minimize out-of-state placements of children and wards.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Oregon Health Authority.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

*Further Analysis Required*