

**SB 492 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Gelser

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 05/31/19

**Action:** Do pass.

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Beyer, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Heard, Johnson, Manning Jr, Roblan, Steiner  
Hayward, Wagner

**Exc:** 2 - Thomsen, Winters

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 8 - Gomberg, Holvey, McLain, Nosse, Piluso, Rayfield, Smith G, Stark

**Exc:** 1 - McLane

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/29, 5/31

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends state policy of offering appropriate reunification services to parents and guardians, to include equal reunification opportunities for parents and guardians with disabilities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact
- Support for policy

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

It is the current policy of the State of Oregon to provide appropriate reunification services to parents and guardians in most situations, that support the safe return of children.

The measure, allowing for some necessary differences, extends the same opportunity to benefit from, or participate in, reunification services to parents and guardians with disabilities.