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#### Measure Description:

Directs Judicial Department to establish Family Treatment Court Program in certain counties to improve outcomes in child welfare cases resulting from parent's or caregiver's alleged substance use disorder.

#### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), Department of Human Services (DHS)

#### Analysis:

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

The measure requires the Judicial Department to establish Family Treatment Court Programs (FTCPs) in Coos County, Clackamas County, Douglas County, Jackson County and Marion County.

The purpose of FTCPs is to improve outcomes in child welfare cases that result from a parent's or caregiver's alleged substance use disorder by minimizing or eliminating the amount of time a child requires protective custody and by protecting children from abuse and neglect by addressing the comprehensive needs of children, parents and family members. This is accomplished through an integrated, court-based collaboration of court, child welfare, treatment and social service providers who work as a team to achieve timely decisions, coordinated treatment and ancillary services, judicial oversight and safe and permanent placements.

For the affected counties, the Public Defense Services Commission must develop and maintain a Parent-Child Representation Program for the delivery of legal services in the Family Treatment Court Programs.

## **Oregon Judicial Department**

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Oregon Judicial Department of \$2,080,204 General Fund, including 14 positions (6.92 FTE) for the 2019-2021 biennium; and 2,827,214 General Fund and 14 positions (12.00 FTE) for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Department of Human Services For the 2019-21 biennium, the measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$2,467,078 General Fund and \$316,053 Federal Funds for 25 positions (6.25 FTE). For the 2021-23 biennium, the impact is estimated at \$8,841,087 General Fund and \$1,007,359 Federal Funds and 25 positions (25.00 FTE).

## Public Defense Services Commission

The Public Defense Services Commission (OPDS) will establish Parent Child Representation Programs (PCRP) in the counties listed in the bill, other than Coos County which already has such a program. For the 2019-21 biennium, OPDS estimates personal services costs of \$470,371 General Fund for four positions (1.67 FTE). For the 2021-23 biennium, personal services costs would be \$1,138,464 General Fund for four positions (4.00 FTE) for the

full biennium. Payments for attorneys and other supports associated with implementation of PCRP in Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, and Marion counties are estimated to be \$5,770,172 General Fund for 2019-2021 and \$23,080,687 General Fund for 2021-2023.

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