

HB 2826 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Child Abuse Assessment Account in the State Treasury and defines its purposes. Appropriates \$6,000,000 to said account for the grant program for children’s advocacy centers.

Requires the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program to allocate funds to eligible children’s advocacy centers using an equitable distribution formula.

Allows any remaining funds provided from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account, used for services provided by a children’s advocacy center, to be deposited into the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account.

Allows the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment to deposit funds into the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account or the Child Abuse Assessment Account.

Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon’s Child Abuse Intervention Centers are part of a multidisciplinary response to allegations of child abuse or neglect. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Advisory Council oversees the allocation and administration of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account and the funds are distributed to local multidisciplinary teams and intervention centers, responsible for assessments and investigations of suspected child abuse.

House Bill 2826 appropriates \$6,000,000 to a new account, the Child Abuse Assessment Account and directs the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program use an equitable distribution formula.