

HB 2719 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services to establish and administer program to fund child care for children who reside in foster homes. Establishes program requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of foster families
- Cost of child care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Foster homes undergo a screening and certification process managed by the Department of Human Services before they are approved. During Fiscal Year 2019, 10,887 children spent at least one day in foster care in Oregon. The average daily population of children in foster care was 7,435. House Bill 2719 establishes a program to fund child care for children living in foster homes.