

HB 2102 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Legislative Assembly on adaptable staffing no later than December 31, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

House committee: unanimous

House floor: unanimous

A-engrossed version: no fiscal or revenue impact

-A4 amendments:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-A4 amendment dated 5/12/21] With respect to juvenile code provisions governing dependency proceedings: makes it explicit that DHS must seek a court order to remove a child from their home or from an in-home placement with a parent unless existing criteria are met that authorize removal based on urgency; adds conforming reference to in-home placements; and refines incorporation of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) requirements pursuant to House Bill 4214 (2020, first special session), to include references to "ward" and "substitute care" where appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) employs nearly 10,000 individuals throughout the state and serves over a million Oregonians each year. The agency has reported that its current staffing model is no longer appropriate. It proposes to study and report back to the legislature on a workload model that is fully funded to achieve its staffing needs and to meet its customer service goals.

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