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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 8, 2021

Subject: SB 707 – Relating to notices to children placed in out-of-state residential facilities
Work Session Recommendations

SB 707 requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide each child and ward placed by the Department in an out-of-state residential facility, between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2021, a notice of their right to seek civil remedy if there is a belief they were treated negligently.

ODHS is required, upon written request by the child and the child's or ward's representative, to provide all of the information in the department's possession or control, including incident reports, injuries and abuse allegations, regarding the child or ward and arising from incidents that occurred during the period of time the child was placed in the out-of-state residential facility.

SB 707 requires ODHS to report to the Legislative Assembly, by January 1, 2022, on the number of children who have requested release of their records, the agency's progress obtaining the required records, and information on any facility's refusal to release the requested information.

To implement SB 707, ODHS estimates a need for two positions (1.5 FTE) with an estimated 2021-23 total funds cost of \$204,234. The funding and positions will be included in the budget bill for ODHS (SB 5529).

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery on 3/9/2021 and 4/8/2021 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 707 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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