

HB 2505 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/8, 6/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee (Committee) in the Governor’s Child Foster Care Advisory Commission, staffed by the Department of Human Services, to increase diversity of representation on the Commission. Permits the Commission to establish technical and advisory committees whose membership is representative of all populations in the foster care system impacted by their work, with the majority of members representing historically underserved communities. Provides guidelines for compensation. Defines purposes, scope, and reporting requirements. Requires report from the Commission to the Legislative Assembly by September 1 of each even-numbered year beginning with 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the bill
- Authority of the commission
- Staff support for the commission

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Removes the appropriation from the bill.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2020, at Oregon Foster Youth Connection’s virtual 2020 Policy Conference, current and former foster youth identified a need for an oversight entity with diverse membership to provide culturally responsive services and resources to meet the needs of foster youth of color.

House Bill 2505 A establishes the Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee in the Governor’s Child Foster Care Advisory Commission to improve equitable treatment of all populations who receive foster care.