

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 562

Ordered by the House May 27  
Including House Amendments dated May 27

Sponsored by Senator GELSER (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Declares that person may not be disqualified from service as child welfare service provider based on certain traits. Declares that child, ward or youth may not be prohibited from, disciplined for or retaliated against for publicly or privately speaking about child's, ward's or youth's experience receiving child welfare services.]*

*[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]*

**Incorporates certain provisions of federal Indian Child Welfare Act into Oregon laws relating to youth offenders adjudicated for status offenses and to adoptions. Enhances state protections for Indian children in certain situations.**

**Authorizes juvenile court to approve tribal customary adoption as permanency option for wards who are Indian children.**

**Modifies court process to determine whether there is reason to know child is Indian child.**

**Makes technical corrections to child welfare laws involving Indian children.**

**Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to children; creating new provisions; amending ORS 109.092, 109.096, 109.098, 109.252,  
3 109.304, 109.308, 109.309, 109.315, 109.317, 109.319, 109.321, 109.322, 109.323, 109.324, 109.326,  
4 109.330, 109.350, 109.385, 418.270, 418.312, 419A.116, 419B.090, 419B.100, 419B.150, 419B.171,  
5 419B.185, 419B.234, 419B.305, 419B.310, 419B.325, 419B.328, 419B.365, 419B.366, 419B.368,  
6 419B.395, 419B.449, 419B.452, 419B.470, 419B.476, 419B.498, 419B.500, 419B.517, 419B.521,  
7 419B.524, 419B.529, 419B.532, 419B.875, 419B.878, 419B.923 and 419C.626 and sections 2, 3, 4, 5,  
8 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 61 and 64, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
9 special session); and prescribing an effective date.

10 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

## ADOPTIONS

### (Jurisdiction; Domicile; Hearing)

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15 **SECTION 1.** Section 12, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
16 read:

17 **Sec. 12.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the [*juvenile*] court's jurisdiction under  
18 ORS **109.309 (4)** or 419B.100 (1) in a case involving an Indian child is concurrent with the Indian  
19 child's tribe.

20 (2) If a tribe is not subject to Public Law 83-280, the tribe has exclusive jurisdiction in a case  
21 described in ORS **109.309 (4)** or 419B.100 (1) involving an Indian child if:

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) The Indian child is a ward of a tribal court of the [*Indian child's*] tribe; or

2 (b) The Indian child resides or is domiciled within the reservation of the tribe.

3 (3)(a) An Indian tribe subject to Public Law 83-280 may limit the [*juvenile*] court's exercise of  
4 jurisdiction under ORS **109.309 (4) or** 419B.100 (1) over an Indian child by entering into a tribal-  
5 state agreement described in section 10, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [*of*  
6 *this 2020 special session Act*].

7 (b) The [*juvenile*] court shall decline to exercise its jurisdiction under ORS **109.309 (4) or**  
8 419B.100 (1) over an Indian child who is a ward of a tribal court [*of the Indian child's tribe,*] or who  
9 resides or is domiciled within the reservation of [*the*] a tribe[,] if:

10 (A) The tribe has entered into a tribal-state agreement in which the state has agreed to decline  
11 jurisdiction; and

12 (B) The tribal-state agreement provides that the tribe has default jurisdiction over those cases.

13 (c)(A) If the [*juvenile*] court declines to exercise its jurisdiction under paragraph (b) of this  
14 subsection, the court shall coordinate with the tribal court to facilitate the tribal court's assumption  
15 of jurisdiction.

16 (B) The [*juvenile*] court shall:

17 (i) Allow the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe to participate in any communi-  
18 cations under this subsection with a tribal court or, if the person is unable to participate in a  
19 communication, provide the person with an opportunity to represent facts and legal arguments sup-  
20 porting the person's position before the [*juvenile*] court makes a decision regarding jurisdiction;

21 (ii) Create records of any communications under this subsection;

22 (iii) Notify the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe in advance of each communi-  
23 cation; and

24 (iv) Provide the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe with access to the record of the  
25 communication.

26 (C) Communications between the [*juvenile*] court and a tribal court regarding calendars, court  
27 records and similar matters may occur without informing the parties or creating a record of the  
28 communications.

29 (D) As used in this paragraph, "record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible me-  
30 dium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

31 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the juvenile court has temporary ex-  
32 clusive jurisdiction over an Indian child who is taken into protective custody under ORS 419B.150  
33 or 419B.152.

34 **SECTION 2.** ORS 109.309 is amended to read:

35 109.309. (1) Any person may petition the circuit court for leave to adopt another person and, if  
36 desired, for a change of the other person's name. Except as provided in ORS 419B.529 **or section**  
37 **65a of this 2021 Act**, a separate petition must be filed for each person for whom leave to adopt is  
38 sought.

39 (2) One petitioner, the child, one parent or the person, who is not an adoption agency, con-  
40 senting to the adoption as required under ORS 109.321 (1) must be a resident of this state. As used  
41 in this subsection, "resident" means a person who has resided in this state continuously for a period  
42 of six months prior to the date of the petition.

43 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, when the petition is for the adoption of  
44 a minor child, the adoption is governed by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement  
45 Act, ORS 109.701 to 109.834.

1 (4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 109.741 and 109.744 **and except as provided in section 12, chapter**  
2 **14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**, a court of this state has jurisdiction over the  
3 adoption of a minor child if, immediately prior to the filing of a petition for adoption:

4 (A) The minor child resided in this state for at least six consecutive months including periods  
5 of temporary absence;

6 (B) One parent or another person, who is not an adoption agency, consenting to the adoption  
7 as required under ORS 109.321 (1) **or section 19 of this 2021 Act** resided in this state for at least  
8 six consecutive months including periods of temporary absence;

9 (C) The prospective adoptive parent resided in this state for at least six consecutive months  
10 including periods of temporary absence and substantial evidence is available in this state concerning  
11 the present or future care of the minor child;

12 (D) It appears that no court of another state would have jurisdiction under circumstances sub-  
13 stantially in accordance with subparagraphs (A) to (C) of this paragraph; or

14 (E) A court of another state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the grounds that this state  
15 is a more appropriate forum to hear a petition for adoption of the minor child and it is in the best  
16 interests of the minor child that a court of this state assume jurisdiction.

17 (b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, “periods of temporary absence” means periods  
18 of absence of not more than a total of 30 days in the prior six consecutive months.

19 (5) In a petition to adopt a minor child, venue lies in the Oregon county with which the child  
20 has the most significant connection or in the Oregon county in which the licensed adoption agency  
21 is located.

22 (6) A petition for adoption of a minor child must comply with the requirements, and be served  
23 in the manner, described in ORS 109.315.

24 (7)(a) In a proceeding for the adoption of a minor child, a current home study must be approved  
25 by either the Department of Human Services or an Oregon licensed adoption agency for the purpose  
26 of demonstrating that the petitioner meets the minimum standards for adoptive homes as set forth  
27 in the department’s administrative rules.

28 (b) **Except when the court finds that there is reason to know that the child is an Indian**  
29 **child**, the department, upon request by the petitioner, may waive the home study requirement in an  
30 adoption proceeding in which one of the child’s biological parents or adoptive parents retains par-  
31 ental rights, or when a relative who qualifies under the department’s administrative rules for a  
32 waiver of the home study requirement is the prospective adoptive parent.

33 (c) The department shall, subject to ORS 109.306, adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
34 subsection.

35 (8)(a)(A) Within 90 days after service upon the Director of Human Services as required under  
36 ORS 109.315, the Department of Human Services shall investigate and file for the consideration of  
37 the judge before whom the petition for adoption is pending a placement report containing informa-  
38 tion regarding the status of the child and evidence concerning the suitability of the proposed  
39 adoption. The department may designate an Oregon licensed adoption agency to investigate and re-  
40 port to the court. If the department designates an Oregon licensed adoption agency to investigate  
41 and report to the court, the department shall make the designation and provide all necessary infor-  
42 mation and materials to the Oregon licensed adoption agency no later than 30 days after the service  
43 on the director and upon receipt of all required documentation and fees.

44 (B) **Except when the court finds that there is reason to know that the child is an Indian**  
45 **child**, the department:

1 (i) May waive the placement report requirement under this subsection; *[but]* **and**

2 (ii) Shall waive the placement report requirement in an adoption proceeding in which one of the  
3 child's biological parents or adoptive parents retains parental rights.

4 (b) Upon receipt of a written request by the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney, the depart-  
5 ment shall furnish to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney copies of any information that the  
6 department has filed with the court.

7 (c) Information gathered by the department or by an Oregon licensed adoption agency during  
8 the preparation of the placement report may include information concerning the child's social,  
9 medical and genetic history and the birth parent's history as may be required by ORS 109.321 or  
10 109.342 **or section 19 of this 2021 Act.**

11 (d) The court shall file and retain the placement report filed under this subsection in the same  
12 location in the records, papers and files in the court's record of the adoption case as the petition  
13 and exhibits filed under ORS 109.315 are located. The placement report must be segregated from the  
14 Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement and the exhibits submitted under ORS  
15 109.317.

16 (e) The department shall, subject to ORS 109.306, adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
17 subsection.

18 (9) The department may charge the petitioner a fee for investigating a proposed nonagency  
19 adoption and preparing the home study required under subsection (7) of this section and the place-  
20 ment report required under subsection (8) of this section. The petitioner shall report the fee amount  
21 to the court. The court granting the adoption shall make a finding as to whether the fee is necessary  
22 and reasonable. Any fee charged may not exceed reasonable costs for investigation, home study and  
23 placement report preparation. The department shall prescribe by rule the procedure for computing  
24 the investigation, home study and placement report preparation fee. The rules shall provide a waiver  
25 of either part or all of the fee based upon the petitioner's ability to pay.

26 (10) The court may not rule upon a petition for the adoption of a minor child until at least 90  
27 days after the date that the petition and documents required to be served on the Director of Human  
28 Services under ORS 109.315 and 109.317 have been served upon the director. The department may  
29 waive the 90-day waiting period.

30 (11) The amounts of any fees collected under subsection (9) of this section are continuously ap-  
31 propriated to the department for use in preparing home studies and placement reports required un-  
32 der this section.

33 (12)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a court may not grant a judgment  
34 for the adoption of a minor child unless the petitioner has filed with the court:

35 (A) A petition, including exhibits attached to the petition, meeting the requirements of ORS  
36 109.315;

37 (B) Written evidence that a home study has been completed and approved, unless waived, under  
38 subsection (7) of this section;

39 (C) A placement report under subsection (8) of this section unless waived; and

40 (D) The Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement under ORS 109.317, including  
41 exhibits attached to the statement.

42 (b) **Except when the court finds that there is reason to know that child is an Indian child,**  
43 a person is not required to file a home study or a placement report with the court when the de-  
44 partment has granted the person a waiver under department rules.

45 *[(13) The adoption shall comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), if ap-*

1 *plicable.]*

2 (13) **When the court conducts a hearing under ORS 109.304 to 109.410 regarding the**  
3 **adoption of a minor child, the court shall make the inquiries described in section 15 (4)(b),**  
4 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and make a finding and order subject**  
5 **to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),**  
6 **regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

7 **SECTION 3.** Section 9, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 9.** In any **child custody** proceeding [*under*] based on **allegations that an Indian child is**  
9 **within the jurisdiction of the court under ORS 109.304 to 109.410 or** ORS chapter 419B [*involv-*  
10 *ing an Indian child*], the [*juvenile*] court must determine the residence and domicile of the Indian  
11 child and whether the Indian child is a ward of tribal court. The [*juvenile*] court shall communicate  
12 with any tribal courts to the extent necessary to make a determination under this section.

13 **SECTION 4.** Section 13, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
14 read:

15 **Sec. 13.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the [*juvenile*] court shall transfer  
16 a **child custody** proceeding under **ORS 109.304 to 109.410 or** ORS chapter 419B involving an Indian  
17 child if, at any time during the proceeding, the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe pe-  
18 titions the court to transfer the proceeding to the tribal court.

19 (2) Upon receipt of a transfer motion, the [*juvenile*] court shall contact the Indian child's tribe  
20 and request a timely response regarding whether the tribe intends to decline the transfer.

21 [*(3) A party may object to the transfer motion on the basis of one of the following:]*

22 **(3) Transfer of the proceeding is inappropriate if:**

23 (a) [*That*] The Indian child's tribe has declined the transfer;

24 (b) [*That*] One or both of the Indian child's parents object to the transfer; or

25 (c) [*That*] Good cause exists to deny the transfer.

26 (4)(a) If a party objects to the transfer motion for good cause, the court shall fix the time for  
27 hearing on objections to the motion.

28 (b) At the hearing, the objecting party has the burden of proof of establishing by clear and  
29 convincing evidence that good cause exists to deny the transfer.

30 (c) If the Indian child's tribe contests the assertion that good cause exists to deny the transfer,  
31 the court shall give the tribe's argument substantial weight.

32 (d) When making a determination whether good cause exists to deny the transfer motion, the  
33 [*juvenile*] court may not consider:

34 (A) Whether the proceeding is at an advanced stage;

35 (B) Whether there has been a prior proceeding involving the Indian child in which a transfer  
36 motion was not filed;

37 (C) Whether the transfer could affect the placement of the Indian child;

38 (D) The Indian child's cultural connections with the tribe or the tribe's reservation;

39 (E) The socioeconomic conditions of the Indian child's tribe or any negative perception of tribal  
40 or United States Bureau of Indian Affairs' social services or judicial systems; or

41 (F) Whether the transfer serves the best interests of the Indian child.

42 (5)(a) The court shall deny the transfer motion if:

43 (A) The tribe declines the transfer orally on the record or in writing;

44 (B) The Indian child's parent objects to the transfer; or

45 (C) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence, after hearing, that good cause exists to

1 deny the transfer.

2 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection, the objection of the Indian child's parent  
3 does not preclude the transfer if:

4 (A) The objecting parent dies or the objecting parent's parental rights are terminated and have  
5 not been reinstated under ORS 419B.532; and

6 (B) The Indian child's remaining parent, Indian custodian or tribe files a new transfer motion  
7 subsequent to the death of the objecting parent or the termination of the parental rights of the ob-  
8 jecting parent.

9 (6) If the [*juvenile*] court denies a transfer under this section, the court shall document the basis  
10 for the denial in a written order.

11 **SECTION 5.** Section 14, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
12 read:

13 **Sec. 14.** Upon granting a transfer motion under section 13, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020**  
14 **(first special session)** [*of this 2020 special session Act*], the [*juvenile*] court shall expeditiously:

15 (1) Notify the tribal court of the pending dismissal of the **child custody** proceeding;

16 (2) Transfer all information regarding the proceeding, including [*but not limited to*] pleadings and  
17 court records, to the tribal court;

18 (3) **If the Indian child is alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under**  
19 **ORS 419B.100**, direct the Department of Human Services to:

20 (a) Coordinate with the tribal court and the Indian child's tribe to ensure that the transfer of  
21 the proceeding and the transfer of custody of the Indian child is accomplished with minimal dis-  
22 ruption of services to the Indian child and the Indian child's family; and

23 (b) Provide the Indian child's tribe with documentation related to the Indian child's eligibility  
24 for state and federal assistance and information related to the Indian child's social history, treat-  
25 ment diagnosis and services and other relevant case and service related data; and

26 (4) Dismiss the proceeding upon confirmation from the tribal court that the tribal court received  
27 the transferred information.

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29 **(Inquiry; Verification; ICWA Compliance Reports)**

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31 **SECTION 6.** Section 7 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 109.304 to  
32 **109.410.**

33 **SECTION 7.** (1) **In a proceeding for the adoption or readoption of a minor child, within**  
34 **90 days after service of a petition or amended petition upon the Director of Human Services**  
35 **as required under ORS 109.315 or 109.385, the Department of Human Services shall file with**  
36 **the court an ICWA compliance report. The ICWA compliance report must reflect the**  
37 **department's review of the petition or amended petition and must advise the court on**  
38 **whether the documentation submitted by the petitioner is sufficient and complete for the**  
39 **court to make the findings required under subsection (2) of this section. Nothing in this**  
40 **subsection or subsection (3) of this section requires the department to make a determination**  
41 **of law regarding the documentation provided by the petitioner.**

42 (2)(a) **Upon receiving an ICWA compliance report, the court shall order the matter to**  
43 **proceed if the court finds that the petitioner satisfied the inquiry requirements under section**  
44 **15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and, if applicable, the notice re-**  
45 **quirements under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

1 (b)(A) If the court finds, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14,  
2 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that there is reason to know that the child is an  
3 Indian child, the court's order under this subsection must include a finding regarding  
4 whether the proposed adoptive placement complies with the preferences under section 23 (2),  
5 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session). If the court finds that the proposed  
6 adoptive placement does not comply with the preferences or that the documentation provided  
7 by the petitioner is insufficient for the court to make a finding, the court shall direct the  
8 petitioner to amend the petition to cure the deficiency or file a motion under section 23 (3),  
9 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), for authority to make the placement  
10 contrary to the placement preferences under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
11 (first special session).

12 (B) If the court finds that the petitioner failed to satisfy the inquiry or, if applicable, the  
13 notice requirements under sections 15 (2) and 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
14 special session), or if the documentation supplied by the petitioner is insufficient for the  
15 court to make those findings, the court shall direct the petitioner to cure the inquiry or  
16 notice deficiency and file an amended petition.

17 (c) The court shall order the petitioner to appear and show cause why the court should  
18 not dismiss the petition if the court directs the petitioner to file an amended petition or a  
19 motion under paragraph (b) of this subsection and the petitioner fails to do so within a rea-  
20 sonable amount of time.

21 (3)(a) The department shall, by rule, provide a nonexhaustive description of the doc-  
22 umentation that petitioners or moving parties in proceedings under ORS 109.304 to 109.410  
23 may submit to the court to document compliance with the inquiry and notice requirements  
24 under sections 15 (2) and (4) and 16 (2) and (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
25 session), and the placement preferences under section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
26 special session), including:

27 (A) Descriptions of the consultations the petitioner or moving party made with the indi-  
28 viduals described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and  
29 the responses the petitioner or moving party obtained;

30 (B) Descriptions of any oral responses and copies of any written responses the petitioner  
31 or moving party obtained from the individuals described in section 15 (2) or 16 (3), chapter  
32 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);

33 (C) Copies of any identification cards or other records indicating the membership of the  
34 child or the child's parent in an Indian tribe;

35 (D) Copies of any tribal court records regarding the Indian child;

36 (E) Any reports, declarations or testimony on the record documenting the due diligence  
37 of the petitioner or moving party to identify and work with all of the tribes of which the  
38 petitioner or moving party has reason to know that the child may be a member or in which  
39 the child may be eligible for membership; and

40 (F) The declaration of compliance regarding the section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws  
41 2020 (first special session), notices the petitioner sent, as described in ORS 109.315 (5)(d) and  
42 109.385 (7)(b).

43 (b) The department shall adopt any other rules for the preparation of ICWA compliance  
44 reports that are necessary for the department to carry out the department's duties under  
45 ORS 109.304 to 109.410.

1 (c) The State Court Administrator may prepare and make available to the public forms  
2 and information to assist petitioners to comply with the requirements under this section,  
3 ORS 109.315 and 109.385 and sections 15 (2), 16 (2) and (3) and 23 (2) and (3), chapter 14,  
4 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and any related rules, including:

5 (A) Forms of petitions required under ORS 109.315 and 109.385, motions to request a de-  
6 viation from the placement preferences under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
7 (first special session), and notices required under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws  
8 2020 (first special session); and

9 (B) Worksheets and checklists to assist petitioners with the inquiry required under sec-  
10 tion 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), the notices required under  
11 section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and assessing whether  
12 proposed adoptive placements satisfy the preferences under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon  
13 Laws 2020 (first special session).

14 (d) The Judicial Department may design and offer trainings to courts having jurisdiction  
15 over adoption matters regarding the application of sections 1 to 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws  
16 2020 (first special session), to adoptions of minor children, including but not limited to iden-  
17 tifying when there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child and making findings  
18 regarding the sufficiency of inquiry and notice and the appropriateness of adoptive place-  
19 ments.

20 **SECTION 8.** ORS 109.315 is amended to read:

21 109.315. (1) A petition for adoption of a minor child must be signed by the petitioner and, unless  
22 stated in the petition why the information or statement is omitted, must contain the following:

23 (a) The full name of the petitioner;

24 (b) The state and length of residency in the state of the petitioner and information sufficient to  
25 establish that the residency requirement of ORS 109.309 (2) has been met;

26 (c) The current marital or domestic partnership status of the petitioner;

27 (d) An explanatory statement as to why the petitioner is of sufficient ability to bring up the  
28 minor child and furnish suitable nurture and education sufficient for judgment to be entered under  
29 ORS 109.350;

30 (e) Information sufficient for the court to establish that the petitioner has complied with the  
31 jurisdictional and venue requirements of ORS 109.309 (4) and (5);

32 (f) The full name, gender and date and place of birth of the minor child;

33 (g) The marital or domestic partnership status of the biological mother at the time of conception,  
34 at the date of birth and during the 300 days prior to the date of birth of the minor child;

35 *[(h) A statement that the minor child is not an Indian child as defined in the Indian Child Welfare*  
36 *Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) or, if the Indian Child Welfare Act applies:]*

37 *[(A) A statement of the efforts to notify the appropriate Indian tribe or tribes of the adoption;*  
38 *and]*

39 *[(B) A statement of the efforts to comply with the placement preferences of the Indian Child Welfare*  
40 *Act or the placement preferences of the appropriate Indian tribe;]*

41 (h) A declaration under penalty of perjury and documentation, as described by the De-  
42 partment of Human Services by rule, of the petitioner's efforts described in section 15 (2),  
43 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to determine whether there is reason  
44 to know that the child is an Indian child;

45 (B) A statement that the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child



1 or does not have reason to know that the child is an Indian child; and

2 (C) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child:

3 (i) A declaration under penalty of perjury and documentation, as described by the de-  
4 partment by rule, showing that the proposed adoptive placement complies with the require-  
5 ments under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); or

6 (ii) A statement that the petitioner is moving the court under section 23 (3), chapter 14,  
7 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), for a finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that  
8 good cause exists for alternative adoptive placement and a statement describing the details  
9 supporting the petitioner's assertion that good cause exists for the alternative placement,  
10 as described in section 23 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);

11 (i) The name and relationship to the minor child of any person who has executed a written re-  
12 lease or surrender of parental rights or of rights of guardianship of the minor child as provided by  
13 ORS 418.270 and the date of the release or surrender;

14 (j) The name and relationship to the minor child of any person who has given written consent  
15 as required under ORS 109.321 or section 19 of this 2021 Act, and the date the consent was given;

16 (k) The name and relationship to the minor child of any person or entity for whom the written  
17 consent requirement under ORS 109.321 or section 19 of this 2021 Act is waived or not required  
18 as provided in ORS 109.322, 109.323, 109.324, 109.325, 109.326 and 109.327 or whose written consent  
19 may be substituted for the written consent requirement under ORS 109.321 or section 19 of this  
20 2021 Act as provided in ORS 109.322, 109.323, 109.324, 109.325, 109.326, 109.327, 109.328 and 109.329;

21 (L) The name and relationship to the minor child of all persons who have signed and attested  
22 to:

23 (A) A written certificate of irrevocability and waiver as provided in ORS 109.321 (2); or

24 (B) A written certificate stating that a release or surrender under ORS 418.270 (4) [*shall*  
25 *become*] **becomes** irrevocable as soon as the child is placed for the purpose of adoption **or, if the**  
26 **child is an Indian child, upon entry of the judgment of adoption;**

27 (m) A statement of the facts and circumstances under which the petitioner obtained physical  
28 custody of the minor child, including date of placement with the petitioner for adoption and the  
29 name and relationship to the minor child of the individual or entity placing the minor child with the  
30 petitioner;

31 (n) The length of time that a minor child has been in the physical custody of the petitioner and,  
32 if the minor child is not in the physical custody of the petitioner, the reason why, and the date and  
33 manner in which the petitioner will obtain physical custody of the minor child;

34 (o) Whether a continuing contact agreement exists under ORS 109.305, including names of the  
35 parties to the agreement and date of execution;

36 (p) A statement establishing that the requirements of ORS 109.353 regarding advisement about  
37 the voluntary adoption registry and the registry's services have been met;

38 (q) A statement establishing that the requirements of ORS 109.346 regarding notice of right to  
39 counseling sessions have been met;

40 (r) A statement that the information required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and  
41 Enforcement Act under ORS 109.701 to 109.834 has been provided in the Adoption Summary and  
42 Segregated Information Statement under ORS 109.317;

43 (s) A statement that the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children does or does not apply  
44 and, if applicable, a statement of the efforts undertaken to comply with the compact;

45 (t) Unless waived, a statement that a current home study was completed in compliance with ORS

1 109.309 (7); and

2 (u) A declaration made under penalty of perjury that the petition, and the information and  
3 statements contained in the petition, are true to the best of the petitioner's knowledge and belief  
4 and that the petitioner understands the petition, and information and statements contained in the  
5 petition, may be used as evidence in court and are subject to penalty for perjury.

6 (2) A petition filed under ORS 109.309 must, if applicable, request the following:

7 (a) Entry of a general judgment of adoption;

8 (b) That the petitioner be permitted to adopt the minor child as the child of the petitioner for  
9 all legal intents and purposes;

10 (c) A finding that the court has jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding, the parties and the  
11 minor child;

12 (d) With respect to the appropriate persons, the termination of parental rights or a determi-  
13 nation of nonparentage;

14 (e) Approval of a change to the minor child's name;

15 (f) A finding that a continuing contact agreement entered into under ORS 109.305 is in the best  
16 interests of the minor child and that, if the minor child is 14 years of age or older, the minor child  
17 has consented to the agreement, and that the court incorporate the continuing contact agreement  
18 by reference into the adoption judgment;

19 (g) That the court require preparation of and certify a report of adoption as provided in ORS  
20 432.223;

21 (h) That all records, papers and files in the record of the adoption case be sealed as provided  
22 under ORS 109.319; *[and]*

23 **(i) A finding that the petitioner complied with the inquiry requirements under section 15**  
24 **(2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

25 **(j) A finding of whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child;**

26 **(k) If the court finds that there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child:**

27 **(A) The determinations required under section 9, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
28 **special session), regarding the Indian child's residence, domicile and wardship status;**

29 **(B) A finding that the petitioner complied with the notice requirements under section 16**  
30 **(2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and**

31 **(C) A finding that the adoptive placement complies with the placement preferences under**  
32 **section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), or, if not, that, upon the**  
33 **petitioner's motion under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),**  
34 **good cause exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences in section 23 (2),**  
35 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and**

36 *[(i)]* **(L) Any other relief requested by the petitioner.**

37 (3) A petition filed under ORS 109.309 must, if applicable, have the following attached as ex-  
38 hibits:

39 (a) Any written release or surrender of the minor child for adoption, or a written disclaimer of  
40 parental rights;

41 (b) Any written consent to the adoption;

42 (c) Any certificate of irrevocability and waiver;

43 (d) Any continuing contact agreement under ORS 109.305;

44 (e) The written disclosure statement required under ORS 109.311; and

45 (f) Any other supporting documentation necessary to comply with the petition requirements in

1 this section and ORS 109.309.

2 (4) The petition and documents filed as exhibits under subsection (3) of this section are confi-  
3 dential and may not be inspected or copied except as provided under ORS [109.305] **109.304** to  
4 109.410 and 109.425 to 109.507.

5 (5)(a) Within 30 days after being filed with the court, the petitioner shall serve copies of the  
6 petition, the documents filed as exhibits under subsection (3) of this section, [and] the Adoption  
7 Summary and Segregated Information Statement described in ORS 109.317, including any amend-  
8 ments and exhibits attached to the statement, **and, if applicable, a copy of the declaration of**  
9 **compliance described in paragraph (d) of this subsection**, on the Director of Human Services  
10 by either registered or certified mail with return receipt or personal service.

11 (b) In the case of an adoption in which one of the child's parents retains parental rights as es-  
12 tablished under ORS 109.065 **or section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**,  
13 the petitioner shall also serve the petition by either registered or certified mail with return receipt  
14 or personal service:

15 (A) On all persons whose consent to the adoption is required under ORS 109.321 unless the  
16 person's written consent is filed with the court; and

17 (B) On the parents of the party whose parental rights would be terminated, if the names and  
18 addresses are known or may be readily ascertained by the petitioner.

19 (c) When a parent of the child is deceased or incapacitated, the petitioner shall also serve the  
20 petition on the parents of the deceased or incapacitated parent, if the names and addresses are  
21 known or may be readily ascertained by the petitioner. As used in this paragraph:

22 (A) "Incapacitated" means a condition in which a person's ability to receive and evaluate in-  
23 formation effectively or to communicate decisions is impaired to such an extent that the person  
24 lacks the capacity to meet the essential requirements for the person's physical health or safety.

25 (B) "Meet the essential requirements for the person's physical health or safety" means those  
26 actions necessary to provide health care, food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene and other care  
27 without which serious physical injury or illness is likely to occur.

28 **(d) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, within 30 days**  
29 **after filing the petition, the petitioner shall:**

30 **(A) Serve copies of the petition by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested,**  
31 **together with the notice of proceeding in the form required under section 16 (3), chapter 14,**  
32 **Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to:**

33 **(i) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or in which the Indian child may be**  
34 **eligible for membership;**

35 **(ii) The child's parents;**

36 **(iii) The child's Indian custodian, if applicable; and**

37 **(iv) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in**  
38 **25 C.F.R. 23.11(b), if the identity or location of the child's parents, Indian custodian or tribe**  
39 **cannot be ascertained.**

40 **(B) File a declaration of compliance with the court, including a copy of each notice sent,**  
41 **together with any return receipts or other proof of service.**

42 [(d)] (e) **Except when the child is an Indian child**, service required by this subsection may  
43 be waived by the court for good cause.

44 **SECTION 9.** ORS 109.385 is amended to read:

45 109.385. (1) As used in this section, "readoption" means to adopt a person, including but not

1 limited to a minor child, who was previously adopted in a foreign nation, pursuant to the laws of  
2 the state.

3 (2) An adoption in a foreign nation under the laws of that nation of a person who is at the time  
4 of the adoption a national of the nation by adoptive parents, at least one of whom is a citizen of the  
5 United States, shall be recognized as a valid and legal adoption for all purposes in the State of  
6 Oregon if the adoption is valid and legal in the foreign nation where the adoption occurred, unless  
7 the adoption violates fundamental principles of human rights or the public policy of the state or of  
8 the federal government.

9 (3) A copy of a decree, order, judgment, certificate or other document of adoption by adoptive  
10 parents, at least one of whom is a citizen of the United States, issued by a court or pursuant to an  
11 administrative proceeding of competent jurisdiction in the foreign nation is prima facie evidence in  
12 any court or administrative proceeding in this state that the adoption was legal and valid.

13 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, an adoptive parent who has adopted a person  
14 in a foreign nation may petition the court for readoption for the purpose of obtaining a judgment  
15 of adoption from the circuit court of the county in which the petitioner resides.

16 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this section, ORS 109.315 does not apply to a petition for  
17 readoption under this section.

18 (6) A petition for readoption must be signed by the petitioner and, unless stated in the petition  
19 why the information or statement is omitted, must contain the following:

20 (a) The full name of the petitioner;

21 (b) The current marital or domestic partnership status of the petitioner;

22 (c) If the readoption is of a minor child, information sufficient for the court to establish that the  
23 petitioner has complied with the jurisdictional requirements of ORS 109.309 (4);

24 (d) The gender and full birth name, adopted name and any other alias of the person sought to  
25 be readopted;

26 (e) A statement of the place and date of the person's birth in the foreign nation;

27 (f) A statement that the foreign adoption is legal and valid under the laws of the nation in which  
28 the adoption occurred and the date of the adoption;

29 (g) A statement that the person's entry into the United States has complied with applicable  
30 federal immigration laws;

31 (h) If the readoption is of a minor child, a statement that a home study was completed and ap-  
32 proved prior to the foreign nation adoption of the minor child;

33 (i) If the readoption is of a minor child, whether a continuing contact agreement exists under  
34 ORS 109.305 or a similar law applicable to the nation where the foreign nation adoption occurred,  
35 including the names of the parties to the agreement and the date of execution;

36 (j) A statement of the desired new adoptive name for the person to be readopted;

37 (k) If applicable, a statement that the birthdate listed on the person's foreign nation birth doc-  
38 uments is believed to be inaccurate and a description of the evidence that supports the petitioner's  
39 belief;

40 (L) A statement requesting the clerk of the court, upon payment of any required fees, to issue  
41 to the petitioner a certificate of adoption under ORS 109.410 and a certified copy of the general  
42 judgment of adoption; and

43 *[(m) A statement that indicates whether the minor child is an Indian child as defined in the Indian*  
44 *Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) and, if required by the Indian Child Welfare Act:]*

45 *[(A) A statement of the efforts to notify the appropriate Indian tribe or tribes of the adoption;*

1 and]

2 [(B) A statement of the efforts to comply with the placement preferences of the Indian Child Welfare  
3 Act or the placement preferences of the appropriate Indian tribe.]

4 (m)(A) A declaration under penalty of perjury and documentation, as described by the  
5 Department of Human Services by rule, of the efforts described in section 15 (2), chapter 14,  
6 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), the petitioner made to determine whether there is  
7 reason to know that the child is an Indian child;

8 (B) A statement that the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child  
9 or the petitioner does not have reason to know that the child is an Indian child; and

10 (C) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child:

11 (i) A declaration under penalty of perjury and documentation, as described by the de-  
12 partment by rule, showing that the proposed adoptive placement complies with the require-  
13 ments under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); or

14 (ii) A statement that the petitioner is moving the court under section 23 (3), chapter 14,  
15 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), for a finding that good cause exists for placement  
16 contrary to the placement preferences and a statement describing the details supporting the  
17 petitioner's assertion that good cause exists for the alternative placement, as described in  
18 section 23 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

19 (7)(a) Within 30 days after being filed with the court, the petitioner shall serve copies of the  
20 petition and the documents filed as exhibits under subsection (9) of this section **and, if applicable,**  
21 **a copy of the declaration of compliance described in paragraph (b) of this subsection,** on the  
22 Director of Human Services by either registered or certified mail with return receipt or personal  
23 service.

24 (b) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, within 30 days  
25 after filing the petition, the petitioner shall:

26 (A) Serve copies of the petition by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested,  
27 together with the notice of proceeding in the form required under section 16 (3), chapter 14,  
28 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to:

29 (i) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or in which the Indian child may be  
30 eligible for membership;

31 (ii) The child's parents;

32 (iii) The child's Indian custodian, if applicable; and

33 (iv) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in  
34 25 C.F.R. 23.11(b), if the identity or location of the child's parents, Indian custodian or tribe  
35 cannot be ascertained.

36 (B) File a declaration of compliance with the court, including a copy of each notice sent,  
37 together with any return receipts or other proof of service.

38 (8) A petition filed under this section must, if applicable, request the following:

39 (a) Entry of a general judgment of adoption;

40 (b) That the petitioner be permitted to readopt the person as the child of the petitioner for all  
41 legal intents and purposes;

42 (c) A finding that the court has jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding, the parties and the  
43 person sought to be readopted;

44 (d) Approval of a change to the name of the person to be readopted;

45 (e) If applicable, a finding that a continuing contact agreement entered into under ORS 109.305,

1 or a similar law applicable to the nation where the foreign nation adoption occurred, is in the best  
2 interests of the minor child and that the court incorporate the continuing contact agreement by  
3 reference into the adoption judgment;

4 (f) If applicable, a finding that the evidence of the person's birthdate listed on the foreign nation  
5 adoption documents is inaccurate and that the evidence presented by the petitioner supports a  
6 change to the birthdate of the person to be readopted;

7 (g) That the court require preparation of and certify a report of adoption as provided in ORS  
8 432.223;

9 (h) If the readoption is of a minor child, that all records, papers and files in the record of the  
10 readoption case be sealed as provided under ORS 109.319; *[and]*

11 (i) **A finding that the child is or is not an Indian child;**

12 (j) **A finding that the petitioner complied with the inquiry requirements under section 15**  
13 **(2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

14 (k) **If the child is an Indian child:**

15 (A) **The determinations required under section 9, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
16 **special session), regarding the Indian child's residence, domicile and wardship status;**

17 (B) **A finding that the petitioner complied with the notice requirements under section 16**  
18 **(2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and**

19 (C) **A finding that the adoptive placement complies with the placement preferences under**  
20 **section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), or, upon the petitioner's**  
21 **motion under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that good**  
22 **cause exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences in section 23 (2), chapter**  
23 **14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and**

24 *[(i)]* (L) Any other relief requested by the petitioner.

25 (9) A petition filed under this section must, if applicable, have the following attached as exhibits:

26 (a) True copies of the foreign nation birth certificate of the person to be readopted, accompanied  
27 by an English translation, if necessary;

28 (b) True copies of the foreign nation adoption decree, order, judgment, certificate or similar  
29 document accompanied by an English translation, if necessary;

30 (c) True copies of the foreign nation passport and proof of legal residency in the United States  
31 for the person sought to be readopted;

32 (d) If applicable, a true copy of any continuing contact agreement entered into under ORS  
33 109.305 or a similar law applicable to the nation where the foreign nation adoption occurred;

34 (e) If applicable, the written disclosure statement required under ORS 109.311; and

35 (f) Any other supporting documentation necessary to comply with the petition requirements in  
36 this section.

37 (10)(a) An Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement must be filed concurrently  
38 with every petition for readoption of a minor child. The statement must summarize information in  
39 the readoption proceeding and include additional information and attached exhibits as required un-  
40 der this subsection. The statement must contain, at a minimum, the following information if known  
41 or readily ascertainable by the petitioner:

42 (A) The full name, permanent address and telephone number of each petitioner;

43 (B) The current full name, the proposed adoptive name and the date and place of birth of the  
44 minor child;

45 (C) The information required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

1 under ORS 109.701 to 109.834; and

2 (D) The name, bar number and contact information for any attorney representing a petitioner.

3 (b) An Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement must attach as an exhibit:

4 (A) A home study that has been approved under ORS 109.309; and

5 (B) A report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar of the Center  
6 for Health Statistics as required under ORS 432.223.

7 (c) The petitioner has a continuing duty to inform the court of any change to the information  
8 required by this subsection or when information that was not previously known or ascertainable  
9 becomes known or ascertainable.

10 (d) The Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement and the exhibits submitted  
11 under this subsection are confidential and may not be inspected or copied except as otherwise pro-  
12 vided under ORS [109.305] **109.304** to 109.410 or 109.425 to 109.507. The Adoption Summary and  
13 Segregated Information Statement and the exhibits submitted under this section must be segregated  
14 in the record of the adoption case from other records, papers and files in the record of the adoption  
15 case.

16 (11)(a) A petition filed under this section is exempt from any requirement for one or more of the  
17 following:

18 [(a)] (A) Compliance with the consent requirements of ORS 109.321 to 109.330;

19 [(b)] (B) A statement that the requirements of ORS 109.353 regarding advisement about the  
20 voluntary adoption registry and the registry's services have been met;

21 [(c)] (C) A statement that the requirements of ORS 109.346 regarding notice of the right to  
22 counseling sessions have been met; and

23 [(d)] (D) Provision of a placement report under ORS 109.309 (8).

24 **(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply if the child is an Indian child.**

25 (12) The requirements for keeping a separate record of the case, for sealing the records, papers  
26 and files in an adoption proceeding and for the conditions under which inspection and copying of  
27 sealed records, papers and files in the court's record of an adoption case set forth in ORS 109.319  
28 apply to proceedings for readoption under this section.

29 (13)(a) The court may find that a person's birthdate listed on the person's foreign nation birth  
30 documents is inaccurate based upon a finding that the preponderance of the evidence demonstrates  
31 that the birthdate is inaccurate and that the age or birthdate proposed by the petitioner is accurate.

32 (b) Evidence that the court may consider in making the finding and order under this subsection  
33 includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

34 (A) Medical evaluations;

35 (B) Birth certificates;

36 (C) School records;

37 (D) Dental evaluations;

38 (E) Psychological evaluations;

39 (F) Bone density tests; and

40 (G) Social evaluations.

41 (14) The fee imposed and collected by the court for the filing of a petition under this subsection  
42 shall be in accordance with ORS 21.145, except that when separate petitions for readoption of mul-  
43 tiple minor children are concurrently filed under this section by the same petitioner, one filing fee  
44 shall be charged for the first petition filed and the filing fees for concurrently filed petitions shall  
45 not be charged.

1       **SECTION 10.** ORS 109.304 is amended to read:

2       109.304. As used in ORS [109.305] **109.304** to 109.410, unless the context requires otherwise:

3       **(1) “Continued custody” of an Indian child has the meaning described in section 3, chap-**  
4 **ter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

5       [(1)] **(2)** “Home study” means a written report documenting the result of an assessment con-  
6 ducted by the Department of Human Services, a licensed adoption agency or other public agency to  
7 evaluate the suitability of a prospective adoptive parent or parents to adopt.

8       **(3) “ICWA compliance report” means a written report prepared by the department after**  
9 **the petition for adoption or readoption has been filed, as described in section 7 of this 2021**  
10 **Act.**

11       **(4) “Indian child” has the meaning given that term in section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
12 **2020 (first special session).**

13       [(2)] **(5)** “Placement report” means a written report prepared by the department or by an Oregon  
14 licensed adoption agency after the petition for adoption has been filed that includes the department’s  
15 or the agency’s recommendation to the court concerning whether the court should grant the petition  
16 for adoption based upon the department’s or the agency’s evaluation of:

17       (a) The status and adjustment of the child; and

18       (b) The status and adjustment of the child’s prospective adoptive parent.

19       [(3)] **(6)** “Records, papers and files” means all documents, writings, information, exhibits and  
20 other filings retained in the court’s record of an adoption case pursuant to ORS 109.319, and in-  
21 cludes but is not limited to the Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement described  
22 in ORS 109.317, and exhibits attached to the statement, the petition and exhibits attached to the  
23 petition pursuant to ORS 109.315, and any other motion, judgment, document, writing, information,  
24 exhibit or filing retained in the court’s record of the adoption case.

25       **SECTION 11.** Section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
26 read:

27       **Sec. 2.** As used in sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [*of*  
28 *this 2020 special session Act*], unless the context provides otherwise:

29       **(1)(a) “Child custody proceeding” means a matter arising under ORS chapter 109, 418,**  
30 **419A or 419B in which the legal custody or physical custody of an Indian child is an issue.**

31       **(b) “Child custody proceeding” does not include:**

32       **(A) A proceeding for the custody or support of, or parenting time with, a child under ORS**  
33 **109.100, 109.103 or 109.119; or**

34       **(B) An emergency proceeding.**

35       [(1)] **(2)** “Emergency proceeding” means any court action that involves the emergency removal  
36 or emergency placement of an Indian child, including removal under ORS 419B.150, with or without  
37 a protective custody order, or a shelter care proceeding under ORS 419B.185.

38       [(2)(a)] **(3)(a)** “Extended family member” has the meaning given that term by the law or custom  
39 of an Indian child’s tribe.

40       (b) If the meaning of “extended family member” cannot be determined under paragraph (a) of  
41 this subsection, “extended family member” means a person who has attained 18 years of age and  
42 who is the Indian child’s grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, niece,  
43 nephew, first cousin, second cousin, stepparent or, as determined by the Indian child’s tribe, clan  
44 or band member.

45       [(3)] **(4)** “Indian” means a person who is a member of an Indian tribe or who is an Alaska Native



1 and a member of a regional corporation as defined in section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606).

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3 [(4)] (5) “Indian child” means any unmarried person who has not attained 18 years of age and:

4 (a) Is a member or citizen of an Indian tribe; or

5 (b) Is eligible for membership or citizenship in an Indian tribe and is the biological child of a  
6 member of an Indian tribe.

7 [(5)] (6) “Indian custodian” means an Indian, other than the Indian child’s parent, who has custody, as described in section 3 (1), **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [of this  
8 2020 special session Act], of the Indian child, or to whom temporary physical care, custody and  
9 control has been transferred by the Indian child’s parent.

10 [(6)] (7) “Indian tribe” or “tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group  
11 or community of Indians federally recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the  
12 United States Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians, including any Alaska  
13 Native village as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1602(c).

14 [(7)] (8) “Juvenile court” has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.

15 [(8)] (9) “Member” or “membership” means a determination by an Indian tribe that a person is  
16 a member or citizen in that Indian tribe.

17 [(9)] (10) “Parent” means:

18 (a) A biological parent of an Indian child;

19 (b) An Indian who has lawfully adopted an Indian child, including adoptions made under tribal  
20 law or custom; or

21 (c) A father whose parentage has been acknowledged or established under **ORS 109.065** or section  
22 4, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [of this 2020 special session Act].

23 [(10)] (11) “Party” or “parties” means parties to a proceeding, as described in ORS 419B.875.

24 [(11)] (12) “Reservation” means Indian country as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151 and any lands not  
25 covered under that section, title to which is held by the United States in trust for the benefit of an  
26 Indian tribe or individual or held by an Indian tribe or individual subject to a restriction by the  
27 United States against alienation.

28 [(12)] (13) “Tribal court” means a court with jurisdiction over **Indian** child custody proceedings  
29 and that is either a Court of Indian Offenses, a court established and operated under the code or  
30 custom of an Indian tribe or any other administrative body of a tribe that is vested with authority  
31 over **Indian** child custody proceedings.

32 **SECTION 12.** Section 8, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
33 read:

34 **Sec. 8.** (1) In a **child custody** proceeding **in which an Indian child is alleged to be within**  
35 **the jurisdiction of the court** under ORS chapter **109, 418, 419A or 419B** [when there is reason to  
36 know that the child is an Indian child], **or in a hearing under ORS 419B.626 involving an Indian**  
37 **child**, the Indian child’s tribe is:

38 (a) If the Indian child is a member of or is eligible for membership in only one tribe, the tribe  
39 of which the Indian child is a member or eligible for membership.

40 (b) If the Indian child is a member of one tribe but is eligible for membership in one or more  
41 other tribes, the tribe of which the Indian child is a member.

42 (c) If the Indian child is a member of more than one tribe or if the Indian child is not a member  
43 of any tribe but is eligible for membership with more than one tribe:

44 (A) The tribe designated by agreement between the tribes of which the Indian child is a member  
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1 or in which the Indian child is eligible for membership; or

2 (B) If the tribes are unable to agree on the designation of the Indian child's tribe, the tribe  
3 designated by the court.

4 (2) When designating an Indian child's tribe under subsection (1)(c)(B) of this section, the court  
5 shall, after hearing, designate the tribe with which the Indian child has the more significant con-  
6 tacts, taking into consideration the following:

7 (a) The preference of the Indian child's parent;

8 (b) The duration of the Indian child's current or prior domicile or residence on or near the  
9 reservation of each tribe;

10 (c) The tribal membership of the Indian child's custodial parent or Indian custodian;

11 (d) The interests asserted by each tribe;

12 (e) Whether a tribe has previously adjudicated a case involving the Indian child; and

13 (f) If the court determines that the Indian child is of sufficient age and capacity to meaningfully  
14 self-identify, the self-identification of the Indian child.

15 *[(3) If an Indian child is a member of or is eligible for membership in more than one tribe, the*  
16 *court may, in its discretion, permit a tribe, in addition to the Indian child's tribe determined under*  
17 *subsection (1) of this section, to participate in a proceeding under ORS chapter 419B involving the*  
18 *Indian child in an advisory capacity or as a party.]*

19 **SECTION 13.** ORS 419B.875, as amended by section 28, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
20 special session), is amended to read:

21 419B.875. (1)(a) Parties to proceedings in the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100 and 419B.500  
22 are:

23 (A) The child or ward;

24 (B) The parents or guardian of the child or ward;

25 (C) A putative father of the child or ward who has demonstrated a direct and significant com-  
26 mitment to the child or ward by assuming, or attempting to assume, responsibilities normally asso-  
27 ciated with parenthood, including but not limited to:

28 (i) Residing with the child or ward;

29 (ii) Contributing to the financial support of the child or ward; or

30 (iii) Establishing psychological ties with the child or ward;

31 (D) The state;

32 (E) The juvenile department;

33 (F) A court appointed special advocate, if appointed;

34 (G) The Department of Human Services or other child-caring agency if the agency has temporary  
35 custody of the child or ward; and

36 (H) *[In cases where there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws*  
37 *2020 (first special session), that a child involved]* **If the child or ward** is an Indian child:

38 (i) The Indian child's tribe; and

39 (ii) The Indian child's Indian custodian.

40 (b) An intervenor who is granted intervention under ORS 419B.116 is a party to a proceeding  
41 under ORS 419B.100. An intervenor under this paragraph is not a party to a proceeding under ORS  
42 419B.500.

43 **(c) If an Indian child is a member of or is eligible for membership in more than one tribe,**  
44 **the court may, in its discretion, permit a tribe, in addition to the Indian child's tribe, to**  
45 **participate in a proceeding under this chapter involving the Indian child in an advisory ca-**

1 **capacity or as a party.**

2 (2) The rights of the parties include, but are not limited to:

3 (a) The right to notice of the proceeding and copies of the petitions, answers, motions and other  
4 papers;

5 (b) The right to appear with counsel and, except for intervenors under subsection (1)(b) of this  
6 section, to have counsel appointed as otherwise provided by law;

7 (c) The right to call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses and participate in hearings;

8 (d) The right of appeal; and

9 (e) The right to request a hearing.

10 (3) A putative father who satisfies the criteria set out in subsection (1)(a)(C) of this section shall  
11 be treated as a parent, as that term is used in this chapter and ORS chapters 419A and 419C, until  
12 the court confirms his parentage or finds that he is not the legal or biological parent of the child  
13 or ward.

14 (4) If no appeal from the judgment or order is pending, a putative father whom a court of com-  
15 petent jurisdiction has found not to be the child or ward's legal or biological parent or who has filed  
16 a petition for filiation that was dismissed is not a party under subsection (1) of this section.

17 (5)(a) A person granted rights of limited participation under ORS 419B.116 is not a party to a  
18 proceeding under ORS 419B.100 or 419B.500 but has only those rights specified in the order granting  
19 rights of limited participation.

20 (b) Persons moving for or granted rights of limited participation are not entitled to appointed  
21 counsel but may appear with retained counsel.

22 (6) If a foster parent, preadoptive parent or relative is currently providing care for a child or  
23 ward, the Department of Human Services shall give the foster parent, preadoptive parent or relative  
24 notice of a proceeding concerning the child or ward. A foster parent, preadoptive parent or relative  
25 providing care for a child or ward has the right to be heard at the proceeding. Except when allowed  
26 to intervene, the foster parent, preadoptive parent or relative providing care for the child or ward  
27 is not considered a party to the juvenile court proceeding solely because of notice and the right to  
28 be heard at the proceeding.

29 (7)(a) The Department of Human Services shall make diligent efforts to identify and obtain  
30 contact information for the grandparents of a child or ward committed to the department's custody.  
31 Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, when the department knows the identity of  
32 and has contact information for a grandparent, the department shall give the grandparent notice of  
33 a hearing concerning the child or ward. Upon a showing of good cause, the court may relieve the  
34 department of its responsibility to provide notice under this paragraph.

35 (b) If a grandparent of a child or ward is present at a hearing concerning the child or ward, and  
36 the court informs the grandparent of the date and time of a future hearing, the department is not  
37 required to give notice of the future hearing to the grandparent.

38 (c) If a grandparent is present at a hearing concerning a child or ward, the court shall give the  
39 grandparent an opportunity to be heard.

40 (d) The court's orders or judgments entered in proceedings under ORS 419B.185, 419B.310,  
41 419B.325, 419B.449, 419B.476 and 419B.500 must include findings of the court as to whether the  
42 grandparent had notice of the hearing, attended the hearing and had an opportunity to be heard.

43 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a grandparent is not a party to the juve-  
44 nile court proceeding unless the grandparent has been granted rights of intervention under ORS  
45 419B.116.

1 (f) As used in this subsection, “grandparent” means the legal parent of the child’s or ward’s le-  
2 gal parent, regardless of whether the parental rights of the child’s or ward’s legal parent have been  
3 terminated under ORS 419B.500 to 419B.524.

4 (8) Interpreters for parties and persons granted rights of limited participation shall be appointed  
5 in the manner specified by ORS 45.275 and 45.285.

6 **SECTION 14.** Section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
7 read:

8 **Sec. 15.** (1) In an emergency proceeding, the person taking the child into protective custody  
9 shall make a good faith effort to:

10 (a) Determine whether [*there is*] **the person has** reason to know that the child is an Indian  
11 child; and [*to*]

12 (b) Contact by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile or other means of immediate communication  
13 any tribe of which the child is or may be a member to determine the child’s affiliation.

14 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section **or if the person already knows that**  
15 **a child is an Indian child**, whenever a person is required under **ORS 419C.626 or ORS chapter 109,**  
16 **418, 419A or 419B** to determine whether [*there is*] **the person has** reason to know that [*a*] **the** child  
17 is an Indian child, [*if the person has not already determined that the child is an Indian child, the*  
18 *person shall make a good faith effort to determine whether there is reason to know the child is an In-*  
19 *dian child, including by consulting with:*] **the person shall make a good faith effort to determine**  
20 **whether the child is an Indian child, including, at a minimum, consulting with:**

21 (a) The child;

22 (b) The child’s parent or parents;

23 (c) Any person having custody of the child or with whom the child resides;

24 (d) Extended family members of the child;

25 (e) Any other person who may reasonably be expected to have information regarding the child’s  
26 membership or eligibility for membership in an Indian tribe; and

27 (f) Any Indian tribe of which the child may be a member or of which the child may be eligible  
28 for membership.

29 [(3)(a) *At the commencement of any hearing in which the court is required to inquire whether a*  
30 *child is an Indian child, the court shall ask, on the record, each individual present on the matter*  
31 *whether the individual knows or has reason to know that the child is an Indian child.*]

32 [(b) *If no individual in the proceeding knows or has reason to know that the child is an Indian*  
33 *child, the court shall instruct each party to inform the court immediately if the party later receives in-*  
34 *formation that provides reason to know the child is an Indian child.*]

35 [(4)] (3) A court **or person** has reason to know that a child is an Indian child if:

36 (a) **The person knows that the child is an Indian child;**

37 (b) **The court has found that the child is an Indian child or that there is reason to know**  
38 **that the child is an Indian child;**

39 [(a)] (c) Any individual present in the proceeding, officer of the court involved in the proceeding,  
40 Indian tribe, Indian organization or agency informs the court **or the person** that the child is an  
41 Indian child;

42 [(b)] (d) Any individual present in the proceeding, officer of the court involved in the proceeding,  
43 **agency**, Indian tribe[,] **or** Indian organization [*or agency*] informs the court **or the person** that in-  
44 formation has been discovered indicating that the child is an Indian child;

45 [(c)] (e) The child indicates to the court **or the person** that the child is an Indian child;

1        [(d)] **(f)** The court **or the person** is informed that the domicile or residence of the child, the  
2 child's parent or the child's Indian custodian is on a reservation or in an Alaska Native village;

3        [(e)] **(g)** The court **or the person** is informed that the child is or has been a ward of a tribal  
4 court;

5        [(f)] **(h)** The court **or the person** is informed that the child or the child's parent possesses an  
6 identification card or other record indicating membership in an Indian tribe;

7        [(g)] **(i)** Testimony or documents presented to the court **or the person** indicate in any way that  
8 the child may be an Indian child; or

9        [(h)] **(j)** Any other indicia provided to the court **or the person**, or within the [court's] knowledge  
10 **of the court or the person**, indicates that the child is an Indian child.

11        **(4)(a) Except as provided in section 7 of this 2021 Act, whenever a person is required to**  
12 **demonstrate to the court that the person made efforts to determine whether a child is an**  
13 **Indian child, the court shall make written findings regarding whether the person satisfied**  
14 **the inquiry requirements under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, as appropriate, and**  
15 **whether the child is an Indian child, there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child**  
16 **or there is not reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

17        **(b) At the commencement of any hearing in which the court is required to inquire**  
18 **whether a child is an Indian child, unless the court previously found that the child is an In-**  
19 **Indian child, the court shall ask, on the record, each individual present on the matter whether**  
20 **the individual has reason to know that the child is an Indian child and shall make a finding**  
21 **regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

22        **(c) If the court finds under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection that there is reason**  
23 **to know that the child is an Indian child but the court does not have sufficient evidence to**  
24 **find that the child is an Indian child, the court shall order that the child be treated as an**  
25 **Indian child until the court finds that the child is not an Indian child.**

26        **(d) If the court finds under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection that there is not rea-**  
27 **son to know that the child is an Indian child, the court shall order each party to immediately**  
28 **inform the court if the party receives information providing reason to know that the child**  
29 **is an Indian child.**

30        **(5) If the court [has] finds under subsection (4) of this section that there is reason to know**  
31 **that the child is an Indian child but the court does not have sufficient evidence to [determine**  
32 **whether the child meets the definition of] make a finding that the child is or is not an Indian child,**  
33 **the court [must:] shall require the Department of Human Services or other party to submit a**  
34 **report, declaration or testimony on the record that the department or the other party used**  
35 **due diligence to identify and work with all of the tribes of which the child may be a member**  
36 **or in which the child may be eligible for membership to verify whether the child is a member**  
37 **or is eligible for membership.**

38        [(a) *Treat the child as an Indian child until the court determines, on the record, that the child does*  
39 *not meet the definition of an Indian child; and]*

40        [(b) *Require the Department of Human Services or another party to submit a report, declaration*  
41 *or testimony on the record that the department or other party used due diligence to identify and work*  
42 *with all of the tribes of which there is reason to know the child may be a member or be eligible for*  
43 *membership to verify whether:]*

44        [(A) *The child is a member; or]*

45        [(B) *The child is eligible for membership and is the biological child of a member.]*

1       **(6)(a) A person making an inquiry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall request**  
2 **that any tribe receiving information under this section keep documents and information re-**  
3 **garding the inquiry confidential if a consenting parent in an adoption proceeding under ORS**  
4 **109.304 to 109.410 requests anonymity.**

5       **(b) A consenting parent’s request for anonymity does not relieve the court or any party**  
6 **in an adoption proceeding from the duty to verify whether the child is an Indian child.**

7       **SECTION 15.** Section 16, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
8 read:

9       **Sec. 16.** (1)(a) In an emergency proceeding, if there is reason to know that a child is an Indian  
10 child and the nature of the emergency allows, the Department of Human Services must notify by  
11 telephone, electronic mail, facsimile or other means of immediate communication any tribe of which  
12 the child is or may be a member.

13       (b) Notification under this subsection must include the basis for the child’s removal, the time,  
14 date and place of the initial hearing and a statement that the tribe[, *as a party to the proceeding*  
15 *under ORS 419B.875,*] has the right to participate in the proceeding **as a party or in an advisory**  
16 **capacity under ORS 419B.875.**

17       (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, if there is reason to know **that** a child  
18 [*in a proceeding*] **alleged to be within the court’s jurisdiction** under ORS chapter **109, 418, 419A**  
19 **or 419B** is an Indian child and notice is required, the party providing notice must:

20       (a) Promptly send notice of the proceeding as described in subsection (3) of this section; and

21       (b) File [*an original or*] a copy of each notice sent under this section with the court, together  
22 with any return receipts or other proof of service.

23       (3) Notice under subsection (2) of this section must:

24       (a) Be sent to:

25       (A) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or of which the Indian child may be eligible  
26 for membership;

27       (B) The child’s parents;

28       (C) The child’s Indian custodian, if applicable; and

29       (D) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in 25 C.F.R.  
30 23.11(b), if the identity or location of the child’s parents, Indian custodian or tribe cannot be ascer-  
31 tained.

32       (b) Be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

33       (c) Be in clear and understandable language and include the following:

34       (A) The child’s name, date of birth and place of birth;

35       (B) To the extent known, all names, including maiden, married and former names or aliases, of  
36 the child’s parents, the parents’ birthplaces and tribal enrollment numbers;

37       (C) To the extent known, the names, dates of birth, places of birth and tribal enrollment infor-  
38 mation of other direct lineal ancestors of the child;

39       (D) The name of each Indian tribe [*in*] **of** which the child is a member or [*of*] **in** which the Indian  
40 child may be eligible for membership;

41       (E) If notice is required to be sent to the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs under para-  
42 graph (a) of this subsection, to the extent known, information regarding the child’s direct lineal  
43 ancestors, an ancestral chart for each biological parent, and the child’s tribal affiliations and blood  
44 quantum;

45       (F) A copy of the petition **or motion** initiating the proceeding and, if a hearing has been

1 scheduled, information on the date, time and location of the hearing;

2 (G) The name of the petitioner and the name and address of the petitioner's attorney;

3 **(H) In a proceeding under ORS chapter 419B:**

4 [(H)] (i) A statement that the child's parent or Indian custodian[, *as a party to the proceeding*  
5 *under ORS 419B.875,*] has the right to participate in the proceeding **as a party to the proceeding**  
6 **under ORS 419B.875;**

7 [(I)] (ii) A statement that the child's tribe[, *as a party to the proceeding under ORS 419B.875,*]  
8 has the right to participate in the proceeding **as a party or in an advisory capacity under ORS**  
9 **419B.875;**

10 [(J)] (iii) A statement that if the court determines that the child's parent or Indian custodian is  
11 unable to afford counsel, the parent or Indian custodian has the right to court-appointed counsel;  
12 **and**

13 [(K)] (iv) A statement that the child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe has the right, upon re-  
14 quest, to up to 20 additional days to prepare for the proceeding;

15 **(I) In a proceeding under ORS 109.304 to 109.410, a statement that the child's tribe may**  
16 **intervene in the proceeding;**

17 [(L)] (J) A statement that the child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe has the right to petition  
18 the court to transfer the **child custody** proceeding to the tribal court;

19 [(M)] (K) A statement describing the potential legal consequences of the proceeding on the fu-  
20 ture parental and custodial rights of the parent or Indian custodian;

21 [(N)] (L) The mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the court and contact information for  
22 all parties to the proceeding and individuals notified under this section; and

23 [(O)] (M) A statement that the information contained in the notice is confidential and that the  
24 notice should not be shared with any person not needing the information to exercise rights under  
25 sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [*of this 2020 special session*  
26 *Act*].

27 (4) If there is a reason to know that the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian has limited  
28 English proficiency and may not understand the contents of the notice under subsection (2) of this  
29 section, the court must provide language access services as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights  
30 Act of 1964 and other applicable federal and state laws. If the court is unable to secure translation  
31 or interpretation support, the court shall contact or direct a party to contact the Indian child's tribe  
32 or the local office of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs for assistance identifying a qualified  
33 translator or interpreter.

34 (5)(a) [(No)] **A** hearing [*requiring*] **that requires** notice under subsection (2) of this section may  
35 **not** be held until at least 10 days after the [*later*] **latest** of receipt of the notice by the Indian child's  
36 parent, Indian custodian or tribe or, if applicable, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. Upon  
37 request, the court shall grant the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe up to 20 additional  
38 days from the date upon which notice was received by the parent, Indian custodian or tribe to pre-  
39 pare for participation in the hearing.

40 (b) Nothing in this subsection prevents a court [*from reviewing a removal of an Indian child from*  
41 *the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian*] at an emergency proceeding before the expiration of  
42 the waiting period described in paragraph (a) of this subsection [*to determine the appropriateness of*  
43 *the removal and potential return of the child*] **from reviewing the removal of an Indian child from**  
44 **the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian to determine whether the removal or placement**  
45 **is no longer necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child.**

1       **SECTION 16.** Section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
2 read:

3       **Sec. 23.** (1) If *[there is reason to know that a child is an Indian child and the child]* **the parental**  
4 **rights of an Indian child's parents have not been terminated and the Indian child** is in need  
5 of placement or continuation in substitute care, as defined in ORS 419A.004, except as provided in  
6 subsection *[(4)]* **(3)** of this section the child must be placed in the least restrictive setting that:

- 7       (a) Most closely approximates a family, taking into consideration sibling attachment;
- 8       (b) Allows the Indian child's special needs, if any, to be met;
- 9       (c) Is in reasonable proximity to the Indian child's home, extended family or siblings; and
- 10      (d)(A) Is in accordance with the order of preference established by the Indian child's tribe; or
- 11      (B) If the Indian child's tribe has not established placement preferences, is in accordance with

12 the following order of preference:

- 13      (i) A member of the Indian child's extended family;
- 14      (ii) A foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian child's tribe;
- 15      (iii) A foster home licensed or approved by a licensing authority in this state and in which one
- 16      or more of the licensed or approved foster parents is an Indian; or
- 17      (iv) An institution for children that has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs and
- 18      is approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization.

19       (2) *[If the juvenile court finds that an Indian child is in need of a guardianship pursuant to ORS*  
20 *419B.365 or 419B.366]* **If the parental rights of the Indian child's parents have been terminated**  
21 **or if an Indian child is in need of a guardianship pursuant to ORS 419B.365 or 419B.366 or**  
22 **adoptive placement**, except as provided in subsection *[(4)]* **(3)** of this section, the Indian child shall  
23 be placed:

- 24      (a) In accordance with the order of preference established by the Indian child's tribe; or
- 25      (b) If the Indian child's tribe has not established *[guardianship]* placement preferences, according

26 to the following order of preference:

- 27      (A) With a member of the Indian child's extended family;
- 28      (B) With other members of the Indian child's tribe; or
- 29      (C) With other Indian families.

30       *[(3) If any party asserts or the court has reason to believe that the Indian child may have been*  
31 *placed contrary to the placement preferences of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the court shall make*  
32 *a determination regarding the placement under section 22 of this 2020 special session Act.]*

33       *[(4)(a)]* **(3)(a)** A party may move the court for authority to make a placement contrary to the  
34 placement preferences of subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The motion must detail the reasons the  
35 party asserts that good cause exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences established  
36 by subsection (1) or (2) of this section.

37       (b) Upon the filing of an objection to a motion under this subsection, the *[juvenile]* court shall  
38 fix the time for hearing on the objections.

39       (c) If the *[juvenile]* court determines that the moving party has established, by clear and con-  
40 vincing evidence, that there is good cause to depart from the placement preferences under this  
41 section, the court may authorize placement in an alternative placement.

42       (d) The court's determination under paragraph (c) of this subsection:

43       (A) Must be in writing and be based on:

- 44       (i) The preferences of the Indian child;
- 45       (ii) The presence of a sibling attachment that cannot be maintained through placement consist-



1 ent with the placement preferences established by subsection (1) or (2) of this section;

2 (iii) Any extraordinary physical, mental or emotional needs of the Indian child that require  
3 specialized treatment services if, despite active efforts, those services are unavailable in the com-  
4 munity where families who meet the placement preferences under subsection (1) or (2) of this section  
5 reside; or

6 (iv) Whether, despite a diligent search, a placement meeting the placement preferences under  
7 this section is unavailable, as determined by the prevailing social and cultural standards of the In-  
8 dian community in which the Indian child's parent or extended family resides or with which the  
9 Indian child's parent or extended family members maintain social and cultural ties.

10 **(B) Must, in applying the placement preferences under this subsection, give weight to a**  
11 **parent's request for anonymity if the placement is an adoptive placement to which the par-**  
12 **ent has consented.**

13 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) May be informed by but not determined by the placement request of a parent of the  
14 Indian child, ~~[if]~~ **after** the parent has reviewed the placement options, if any, that comply with the  
15 placement preferences under this section.

16 ~~[(C)]~~ (D) May not be based on:

17 (i) The socioeconomic conditions of the Indian child's tribe;

18 (ii) Any perception of the tribal or United States Bureau of Indian Affairs social services or  
19 judicial systems;

20 (iii) The distance between a placement meeting the placement preferences under this section  
21 that is located on or near a reservation and the Indian child's parent; or

22 (iv) The ordinary bonding or attachment between the Indian child and a nonpreferred placement  
23 arising from time spent in the nonpreferred placement.

24 **(4) The court, on the court's own motion or on the motion of any party, shall make a**  
25 **determination under section 22 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), re-**  
26 **garding the Indian child's placement if the court or the moving party has reason to believe**  
27 **that the child was placed contrary to the placement preferences of subsection (1) or (2) of**  
28 **this section without good cause. A motion under this subsection may be made orally on the**  
29 **record or in writing.**

30 **SECTION 17.** ORS 109.317 is amended to read:

31 109.317. (1) An Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement must be filed concu-  
32 rrently with every petition for adoption of a minor child filed under ORS 109.309. The statement must  
33 summarize information in the adoption proceeding and include additional information and attached  
34 exhibits as required under this section. The statement must contain, at a minimum, the following  
35 information if known or readily ascertainable by the petitioner:

36 (a) The full name, permanent address and telephone number of each petitioner;

37 (b) The current full name, the proposed adoptive name and the date and place of birth of the  
38 minor child;

39 (c) The names, permanent addresses and telephone numbers of any person whose consent to the  
40 adoption is required under ORS 109.321 **or section 19 of this 2021 Act**;

41 (d) The name and relationship to the minor child and address of any person or entity for whom  
42 the written consent requirement under ORS 109.321 **or section 19 of this 2021 Act** is waived or  
43 not required as provided in ORS 109.322, 109.323, 109.324, 109.325, 109.326 and 109.327 **or section**  
44 **19 of this 2021 Act** or whose written consent may be substituted for the written consent require-  
45 ment under ORS 109.321 **or section 19 of this 2021 Act** as provided in ~~[ORS 109.322, 109.323,~~

1 109.324, 109.325, 109.326, 109.327, 109.328 and 109.329] **ORS 109.322 to 109.329;**

2 (e) **Whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child;**

3 [(e)] (f) The information required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement  
4 Act under ORS 109.701 to 109.834 except that, when the Department of Human Services or an ap-  
5 proved child-caring agency of this or any other state has placed a minor child with a foster parent,  
6 the information required under this paragraph regarding the minor child's address, whereabouts or  
7 places the minor child has lived during the past five years, as required under ORS 107.767, is limited  
8 to the fact that the minor child was placed with a foster parent and the county and state of the  
9 location of the foster care placement, and disclosure of the foster parent's name and address is  
10 specifically exempted from the requirements of this paragraph;

11 [(f)] (g) The name, address and telephone number of any adoption agency that will be consenting,  
12 or has consented, to the adoption;

13 [(g)] (h) The name, bar number and contact information for any attorney representing a  
14 petitioner or a person whose consent to the adoption is required under ORS 109.321 **or section 19**  
15 **of this 2021 Act;** and

16 [(h)] (i) An indication of the type of adoption proceeding as follows:

17 (A) Private agency adoption, whether domestic or international;

18 (B) Nonrelated independent adoption;

19 (C) Readoption of a minor child adopted in a foreign nation under ORS 109.385;

20 (D) Relative independent adoption;

21 (E) Stepparent independent adoption;

22 (F) An independent adoption involving one petitioner who retains parental rights;

23 (G) Out-of-state public agency adoption;

24 (H) An adoption in which the Department of Human Services gives consent under ORS 109.325;

25 or

26 (I) Any other specified adoption.

27 (2) An Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement must, if applicable, have the  
28 following attached as exhibits:

29 (a) A home study or written evidence that a home study has been approved as required by ORS  
30 109.309, unless waived;

31 (b) A report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar of the Center  
32 for Health Statistics as required under ORS 432.223; and

33 (c) A medical history of the minor child and of the biological parents as required under ORS  
34 109.342.

35 (3) A waiver of the home study requirement may be substituted for the requirement under sub-  
36 section (2)(a) of this section.

37 (4) The petitioner has a continuing duty to inform the court of any change to the information  
38 required under this section or when information that was not previously known or ascertainable  
39 becomes known or ascertainable.

40 (5) The Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement and the exhibits submitted  
41 under subsection (2) of this section are confidential and may not be inspected or copied except as  
42 otherwise provided under ORS [109.305] **109.304** to 109.410 or 109.425 to 109.507. The Adoption  
43 Summary and Segregated Information Statement and the exhibits submitted under this section must  
44 be segregated in the record of the adoption case from other records, papers and files in the record  
45 of the adoption case.

(Parental Consent)

**SECTION 18.** Section 19 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 109.322 to 109.329.

**SECTION 19.** (1) As used in this section, “parent” has the meaning given that term in section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

(2)(a) If a petition filed under ORS 109.309 is for the adoption of an Indian child, except as otherwise provided in ORS 109.322 to 109.329, consent in writing to the adoption must be given by the following:

(A) The Indian child’s parents, or the survivor of the parents.

(B) If the Indian child has no living parent, the Indian child’s guardian or Indian custodian.

(C) If the Indian child has no living parent, guardian or Indian custodian, the next of kin in this state.

(b) Consent under this section is valid only as to the person giving consent.

(c) If both of the Indian child’s parents are living but only one of the Indian child’s parents consents to the adoption:

(A) The petitioner must demonstrate to the court that the petitioner has made active efforts, as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to prevent the break up of the family or to reunite the family;

(B) The petitioner, in accordance with ORS 109.330, shall serve on the nonconsenting parent a summons and a motion and order to show cause why the proposed adoption should not be ordered without the nonconsenting parent’s consent; and

(C) The objections of the nonconsenting parent, if any, must be heard if appearance is made.

(3)(a) An Indian child’s parent may consent to the adoption of the Indian child at any time not less than 10 days following the date of the Indian child’s birth by executing the consent in person before the court and filing the consent with the court.

(b) The consent must clearly set out the conditions to the consent, if any.

(4)(a) Prior to the execution of a parent’s consent under subsection (3) of this section, the court must explain to the parent on the record in detail and in the language of the parent:

(A) The right to legal counsel;

(B) The terms and consequences of the consent in detail; and

(C) That at any time prior to the entry of the judgment of adoption or readoption under ORS 109.350 the parent may withdraw consent for any reason and have the child returned.

(b) After the execution of a parent’s consent under subsection (3) of this section, the court shall certify that the court made the explanation under paragraph (a) of this subsection and that the parent fully understood the explanation.

(5)(a) At any time prior to the entry of a judgment of adoption or readoption under ORS 109.350, an Indian child’s parent may withdraw the parent’s consent under this section.

(b) The withdrawal of consent must be made by filing the written withdrawal with the court or by making a statement of withdrawal on the record in the adoption proceeding.

(c) Upon entry of the withdrawal of consent, the court must promptly notify the person or entity that arranged the adoptive placement and order that the Indian child be returned

1 **to the parent or Indian custodian as soon as practicable.**

2 **(6) This section does not apply when consent is given in loco parentis under ORS 109.325**  
3 **or 109.327.**

4 **SECTION 20.** Section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session) is amended to  
5 read:

6 **Sec. 18.** (1) As used in this section, “active efforts” means efforts that are affirmative, active,  
7 thorough, timely and intended to maintain or reunite an Indian child with the Indian child’s family.

8 (2) If there is reason to know that a child in a proceeding under **ORS 109.304 to 109.410** or ORS  
9 chapter 419B is an Indian child and active efforts are required, the court must determine whether  
10 active efforts have been made to prevent the breakup of the family or to reunite the family.

11 (3) Active efforts require a higher standard of conduct than reasonable efforts.

12 (4) Active efforts must:

13 (a) Be documented in detail in writing and on the record;

14 (b) **If the child is alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS**  
15 **419B.100**, include assisting the Indian child’s parent or parents or Indian custodian through the  
16 steps of a case plan and with accessing or developing the resources necessary to satisfy the case  
17 plan;

18 (c) Include providing assistance in a manner consistent with the prevailing social and cultural  
19 standards and way of life of the Indian child’s tribe;

20 (d) Be conducted in partnership with the Indian child and the Indian child’s parents, extended  
21 family members, Indian custodians and tribe; and

22 (e) Be tailored to the facts and circumstances of the case.

23 (5) Active efforts may include, as applicable, the following:

24 (a) Conducting a comprehensive assessment of the circumstances of the Indian child’s family,  
25 with a focus on reunification as the most desirable goal;

26 (b) Identifying appropriate services and helping the Indian child’s parents overcome barriers to  
27 reunification, including actively assisting the parents in obtaining the identified services;

28 (c) Identifying, notifying and inviting representatives of the Indian child’s tribe to participate in  
29 providing support and services to the Indian child’s family and in family team meetings, permanency  
30 planning, resolution of placement issues, reviews or other case management related meetings;

31 (d) Conducting or causing to be conducted a diligent search for the Indian child’s extended  
32 family members, contacting and consulting with the Indian child’s extended family members and  
33 adult relatives to provide family structure and support for the Indian child and the Indian child’s  
34 parents;

35 (e) Offering and employing culturally appropriate family preservation strategies and facilitating  
36 the use of remedial and rehabilitative services provided by the Indian child’s tribe;

37 (f) Taking steps to keep the Indian child and the Indian child’s siblings together whenever pos-  
38 sible;

39 (g) Supporting regular visits with the Indian child’s parent or Indian custodian in the most na-  
40 tural setting possible, as well as trial home visits during any period of removal, consistent with the  
41 need to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Indian child;

42 (h) Identifying community resources, including housing, financial assistance, employment train-  
43 ing, transportation, mental health, health care, substance abuse prevention and treatment, parent  
44 training, transportation and peer support services and actively assisting the Indian child’s parents  
45 or, when appropriate, the Indian child’s extended family members, in utilizing and accessing those

1 resources;

2 (i) Monitoring progress and participation of the Indian child's parents, Indian custodian or ex-  
3 tended family members in the services as described in paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (h) of this sub-  
4 section;

5 (j) Considering alternative options to address the needs of the Indian child's parents and, where  
6 appropriate, the Indian child's extended family members, if the services as described in paragraphs  
7 (b), (c), (e) and (h) of this subsection are not available;

8 (k) Providing post-reunification services and monitoring [*for the duration of*] **while the Indian**  
9 **child is within the** juvenile court's jurisdiction; and

10 (L) Any other efforts that are appropriate to the Indian child's circumstances.

11 **SECTION 21.** ORS 109.321 is amended to read:

12 109.321. (1) Except as provided in ORS [*109.323*] **109.322** to 109.329, consent in writing to the  
13 adoption of a minor child pursuant to a petition filed under ORS 109.309 is required to be given by  
14 the following:

15 (a) The parents of the child, or the survivor of [*them*] **the parents.**

16 (b) The guardian of the child, if the child has no living parent.

17 (c) The next of kin in this state, if the child has no living parent and no guardian.

18 (d) Some suitable person appointed by the court to act in the proceeding as next friend of the  
19 child to give or withhold consent, if the child has no living parent and no guardian or next of kin  
20 qualified to consent.

21 (2)(a) A person who gives consent to adoption under subsection (1) of this section may agree  
22 concurrently or subsequently to the giving of such consent that the consent shall be or become  
23 irrevocable, and may waive such person's right to a personal appearance in court, by a duly signed  
24 and attested certificate. The certificate of irrevocability and waiver shall be in effect when the fol-  
25 lowing are completed:

26 (A) The child is placed for the purpose of adoption in the physical custody of the person or  
27 persons to whom the consent is given;

28 (B) The person or persons to whom consent for adoption is given have filed a petition to adopt  
29 the child in a court of competent jurisdiction;

30 (C) The court has entered an order appointing the petitioner or some other suitable person as  
31 guardian of the child pursuant to ORS 109.335;

32 (D) The Department of Human Services, an Oregon licensed adoption agency or an attorney who  
33 is representing the adoptive parents has filed either a department or an Oregon licensed adoption  
34 agency home study with the court approving the petitioner or petitioners as potential adoptive  
35 parents or the department has notified the court that the filing of such study has been waived;

36 (E) Information about the child's social, medical and genetic history required in ORS 109.342 has  
37 been provided to an attorney or the department or an Oregon licensed adoption agency by the per-  
38 son giving consent to the adoption; and

39 (F) The person signing the certificate of irrevocability and waiver has been given an explanation  
40 by an attorney who represents the person and who does not also represent the adoptive family, by  
41 the department or by an Oregon licensed adoption agency of the consequences of signing the cer-  
42 tificate.

43 (b) Upon the fulfillment of the conditions in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the consent for  
44 adoption may not be revoked unless fraud or duress is proved with respect to any material fact.

45 **(3)(a) A consent under this section must indicate whether the person giving the consent**

1 **has reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

2 **(b) If the person does not have reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the**  
3 **consent must include a statement that the person giving notice will inform the court im-**  
4 **mediately if, prior to the entry of the judgment of adoption or readoption under ORS 109.350,**  
5 **the person receives information that provides reason to know that the child is an Indian**  
6 **child.**

7 [(3)] **(c)** [*Consent to the adoption of an Indian child as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act*  
8 *(25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) shall not be valid unless the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act*  
9 *are met. In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act,*] A certificate of irrevocability **described**  
10 **in subsection (2) of this section** is not valid for the adoption of an Indian child.

11 (4) As used in this section, “parent” means a person whose parentage has been established  
12 pursuant to ORS 109.065.

13 **SECTION 22.** ORS 109.322 is amended to read:

14 109.322. (1) If a parent has been adjudged to be a person with mental illness under ORS 426.130  
15 or a person with an intellectual disability who is in need of commitment for residential care, treat-  
16 ment and training under ORS 427.290, and remains so at the time of the adoption proceedings, or  
17 if a parent is imprisoned in a state or federal prison under a sentence for a term of not less than  
18 three years and has actually served three years, the petitioner, in accordance with ORS 109.330,  
19 shall serve on the parent, if the parent has not consented in writing to the adoption, a summons and  
20 a motion and order to show cause why the adoption of the child should not be ordered without the  
21 parent’s consent.

22 (2) In the case of a parent adjudged to be a person with mental illness under ORS 426.130 or a  
23 person with an intellectual disability who is in need of commitment for residential care, treatment  
24 and training under ORS 427.290, the petitioner shall also serve the summons and the motion and  
25 order to show cause upon the guardian of the parent. If the parent has no guardian, the court shall  
26 appoint a guardian ad litem to appear for the parent in the adoption proceedings.

27 (3) Upon hearing, **except as provided in ORS 109.330 (8) if the child is an Indian child**, if the  
28 court finds that the adoption is in the best interests of the child, the consent of the parent who is  
29 imprisoned or adjudged to be a person with mental illness or an intellectual disability is not re-  
30 quired, and the court may proceed regardless of the objection of the parent.

31 (4) This section does not apply when consent is given in loco parentis under ORS 109.325 or  
32 109.327.

33 **SECTION 23.** ORS 109.323 is amended to read:

34 109.323. (1) If the legal custody of the child has been awarded in marital dissolution proceedings,  
35 **except as provided in ORS 109.330 (8) if the child is an Indian child**, the written consent of the  
36 person to whom custody of the child has been awarded may be held sufficient by the court. However,  
37 unless the noncustodial parent consents to the adoption, the petitioner, in accordance with ORS  
38 109.330, shall serve on the noncustodial parent a summons and a motion and order to show cause  
39 why the proposed adoption should not be ordered without the noncustodial parent’s consent, and the  
40 objections of the noncustodial parent shall be heard if appearance is made.

41 (2) This section does not apply when consent is given in loco parentis under ORS 109.325 or  
42 109.327.

43 **SECTION 24.** ORS 109.324 is amended to read:

44 109.324. (1) If a parent is believed to have willfully deserted the child or neglected without just  
45 and sufficient cause to provide proper care and maintenance for the child for one year next pre-

1 ceding the filing of the petition for adoption, and if the parent does not consent in writing to the  
2 adoption, the petitioner, in accordance with ORS 109.330, shall serve on the parent a summons and  
3 a motion and order to show cause why the adoption of the child should not be ordered without the  
4 parent's consent.

5 (2) Upon hearing or when the parent has failed to file a written answer as required in ORS  
6 109.330 (3), **except as provided in ORS 109.330 (8) if the child is an Indian child**, if the court finds  
7 that the parent has willfully deserted the child or neglected without just and sufficient cause to  
8 provide proper care and maintenance for the child for one year next preceding the filing of the pe-  
9 tition for adoption, the consent of the parent at the discretion of the court is not required and, if  
10 the court determines that the parent's consent is not required, the court may proceed regardless of  
11 the objection of the parent.

12 (3) In determining whether the parent has willfully deserted the child or neglected without just  
13 and sufficient cause to provide proper care and maintenance for the child, the court may:

14 (a) Disregard incidental visitations, communications and contributions; and

15 (b) Consider, among other factors the court finds relevant, whether the custodial parent has  
16 attempted, without good cause shown, to prevent or to impede contact between the child and the  
17 parent whose parental rights would be terminated in an action under this section.

18 (4) This section does not apply when consent is given in loco parentis under ORS 109.325 or  
19 109.327.

20 **SECTION 25.** ORS 109.330 is amended to read:

21 109.330. (1)(a) In the cases provided for in ORS 109.322, 109.323 and 109.324 **and section 19 of**  
22 **this 2021 Act**, when a parent does not consent to the adoption of the child, the petitioner shall:

23 **(A) Conduct the inquiry described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
24 **special session), to determine whether the petitioner has reason to know that the child is**  
25 **an Indian child; and**

26 **(B) Serve the parent with a summons and a true copy of a motion and order to show cause why**  
27 **the proposed adoption should not be ordered without the parent's consent.**

28 **(b) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, service of the summons and the mo-**  
29 **tion and order to show cause must be made in the manner provided in ORCP 7 D and E. Service**  
30 **must be proved as required in ORCP 7 F. The summons and the motion and order to show cause**  
31 **need not contain the names of the adoptive parents.**

32 **(c) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, in addition to**  
33 **the service required under paragraph (b) of this subsection, the petitioner shall serve by**  
34 **registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, copies of the motion and order to show**  
35 **cause, together with the notice of proceeding in the form required under section 16 (3)(c),**  
36 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), on:**

37 **(A) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or in which the Indian child may be**  
38 **eligible for membership;**

39 **(B) The child's parents;**

40 **(C) The child's Indian custodian, if applicable; and**

41 **(D) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in**  
42 **25 C.F.R. 23.11(b), if the identity or location of the child's parents, Indian custodian or tribe**  
43 **cannot be ascertained.**

44 **(d) The petitioner shall file a declaration of compliance under penalty of perjury, made**  
45 **in the manner described by ORCP 1 E, that includes:**

1 (A) A statement and documentation, as described by the Department of Human Services  
2 by rule, of the efforts described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
3 session), that the petitioner made to determine whether there is reason to know that the  
4 child is an Indian child; and

5 (B) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child:

6 (i) A statement describing the efforts the petitioner made, as required under section 19  
7 (2)(c) of this 2021 Act, to prevent the break up of the family or to reunite the family; and

8 (ii) A copy of each notice of proceeding the petitioner served as required under paragraph  
9 (c) of this subsection, together with any return receipts or other proof of service.

10 (2) A summons under this section must contain:

11 (a) A statement that an adoption petition has been filed and that, if the parent fails to file a  
12 written answer to the motion and order to show cause within the time provided, the court, without  
13 further notice and in the parent’s absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including  
14 but not limited to entering a judgment of adoption of the child if the court determines, on the date  
15 the answer is required or on a future date, that:

16 (A) Consent of the parent is not required; [and]

17 (B) The adoption is in the best interests of the child[.]; and

18 (C) If the child is an Indian child, the nonconsenting parent’s continued custody of the  
19 Indian child is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.

20 (b) A statement that:

21 (A) The parent must file with the court a written answer to the motion and order to show cause  
22 within 30 days after the date on which the parent is served with the summons or, if service is made  
23 by publication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or  
24 posting.

25 (B) In the answer, the parent must inform the court and the petitioner of the parent’s telephone  
26 number or contact telephone number and the parent’s current residence, mailing or contact address  
27 in the same state as the parent’s home. The answer may be in substantially the following form:

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30 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
31 THE STATE OF OREGON  
32 FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

33 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
34 Petitioner, ) NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
35 )  
36 ) ANSWER  
37 and )  
38 )  
39 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
40 Respondent. )

41 [ ] I consent to the proposed adoption.

42 [ ] I do not consent to the proposed adoption. The court should not order the proposed adoption  
43 without my consent for the following reasons:

44 \_\_\_\_\_



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10 Signature  
11 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
12 ADDRESS OR CONTACT ADDRESS:  
13 \_\_\_\_\_  
14 \_\_\_\_\_  
15 TELEPHONE OR CONTACT TELEPHONE:  
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17 \_\_\_\_\_

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19 (c) A notice that, if the parent answers the motion and order to show cause, the court:  
20 (A) Will schedule a hearing to address the motion and order to show cause and, if appropriate,  
21 the adoption petition;  
22 (B) Will order the parent to appear personally; and  
23 (C) May schedule other hearings related to the petition and may order the parent to appear  
24 personally.  
25 (d) A notice that the parent has the right to be represented by an attorney. The notice must be  
26 in substantially the following form:

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29 You have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you wish to be represented by an attorney,  
30 please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's  
31 financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. To  
32 request appointment of an attorney to represent you at state expense, you must contact the circuit  
33 court immediately. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ for further information.  
34 \_\_\_\_\_

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36 (e) A statement that the parent has the responsibility to maintain contact with the parent's at-  
37 torney and to keep the attorney advised of the parent's whereabouts.  
38 (3) A parent who is served with a summons and a motion and order to show cause under this  
39 section shall file with the court a written answer to the motion and order to show cause within 30  
40 days after the date on which the parent is served with the summons or, if service is made by pub-  
41 lication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or posting.  
42 In the answer, the parent shall inform the court and the petitioner of the parent's telephone number  
43 or contact telephone number and current address, as defined in ORS 25.011. The answer may be in  
44 substantially the form described in subsection (2) of this section.  
45 (4) If the parent requests the assistance of appointed counsel and the court determines that the

1 parent is financially eligible, the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the parent at state  
 2 expense. Appointment of counsel under this subsection is subject to ORS 135.055, 151.216 and  
 3 151.219. The court may not substitute one appointed counsel for another except pursuant to the  
 4 policies, procedures, standards and guidelines adopted under ORS 151.216.

5 **(5)(a) Upon receiving the petitioner's declaration of compliance under subsection (1)(d)**  
 6 **of this section, the court shall order that the motion and order to show cause may proceed**  
 7 **if the court finds that the petitioner satisfied the inquiry requirements under section 15 (2),**  
 8 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and, if applicable, the notice require-**  
 9 **ments under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

10 **(b) If the court finds that the petitioner failed to satisfy the inquiry or, if applicable,**  
 11 **notice requirements under sections 15 (2) and 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
 12 **special session), or if the documentation is insufficient for the court to make those findings,**  
 13 **the court shall direct the petitioner to cure the inquiry or notice deficiency and file an**  
 14 **amended declaration of compliance. The court shall order the petitioner to appear and show**  
 15 **cause why the court should not deny the motion and order to show cause if the petitioner**  
 16 **fails to file the amended declaration of compliance within a reasonable amount of time.**

17 **(c) If the court finds, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon**  
 18 **Laws 2020 (first special session), that there is reason to know the child is an Indian child,**  
 19 **the court shall offer to order mediation through the Department of Human Services, or if**  
 20 **there is mutual party agreement to private mediation and to the party assumption of costs,**  
 21 **through other mediation services, between the Indian child's parents, the Indian child's tribe**  
 22 **and the proposed adoptive placement.**

23 [(5)] **(6)(a)** If the parent files an answer as required under subsection (3) of this section, the  
 24 court, by oral order made on the record or by written order provided to the parent in person or  
 25 mailed to the parent at the address provided by the parent, shall:

26 [(a)] **(A)** Inform the parent of the time, place and purpose of the next hearing or hearings related  
 27 to the motion and order to show cause or the adoption petition;

28 [(b)] **(B)** Require the parent to appear personally at the next hearing or hearings related to the  
 29 motion and order to show cause or the adoption petition; and

30 [(c)] **(C)** Inform the parent that, if the parent fails to appear as ordered for any hearing related  
 31 to the motion and order to show cause or the adoption petition, the court, without further notice  
 32 and in the parent's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited  
 33 to entering a judgment of adoption of the child on the date specified in the order or on a future date,  
 34 without the consent of the parent.

35 **(b) If the parent's answer indicates the parent's consent to the adoption, the court may**  
 36 **not accept the consent unless the consent meets the requirements under ORS 109.321 or, if**  
 37 **the child is an Indian child, section 19 of this 2021 Act.**

38 [(6)] **(7)** If a parent fails to file a written answer as required in subsection (3) of this section or  
 39 fails to appear for a hearing related to the motion and order to show cause or the petition as di-  
 40 rected by court order under this section, the court, without further notice to the parent and in the  
 41 parent's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to enter-  
 42 ing a judgment of adoption of the child without the consent of the parent if the court finds[.];

43 **(a)** On the date the answer is required or on a future date, the action to be in the child's best  
 44 interests[.]; **and**

45 **(b) That the petitioner complied with the inquiry requirements under section 15 (2),**

1 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session) to determine whether there is reason to**  
2 **know that the child is an Indian child.**

3 **(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (7) of this section or ORS 109.322, 109.323 or 109.324, the**  
4 **court may not enter a judgment of adoption of an Indian child without the consent of the**  
5 **parent unless:**

6 **(A) The court has offered the parties the opportunity to participate in mediation as re-**  
7 **quired under subsection (5)(c) of this section;**

8 **(B) If requested by the tribe, an agreement is in place that requires the proposed**  
9 **adoptive placement to maintain connection between the Indian child and the Indian child's**  
10 **tribe;**

11 **(C) The court determines that the petitioner complied with the notice requirements un-**  
12 **der section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

13 **(D) The court determines that evidence, including the testimony of one or more qualified**  
14 **expert witnesses under section 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), es-**  
15 **tablishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the continued custody of the Indian child by the**  
16 **nonconsenting parent is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child**  
17 **and that the petitioner's active efforts under section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
18 **special session), to reunite the Indian family did not eliminate the necessity for termination**  
19 **of the nonconsenting parent's parental rights based on serious emotional or physical damage**  
20 **to the Indian child; and**

21 **(E) The court finds that the adoptive placement complies with the placement preferences**  
22 **under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), or, if not, the court**  
23 **finds, upon the petitioner's motion under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
24 **special session), that good cause exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences**  
25 **in section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

26 **(b) The evidence under paragraph (a)(E) of this subsection must show a causal relation-**  
27 **ship between the particular conditions in the Indian child's home and the likelihood that the**  
28 **nonconsenting parent's continued custody of the Indian child will result in serious emotional**  
29 **or physical damage to the Indian child who is the subject of the adoption proceeding. Evi-**  
30 **dence that shows the existence of community or family poverty, isolation, single parenthood,**  
31 **custodian age, crowded or inadequate housing, substance abuse or nonconforming social be-**  
32 **havior does not, by itself, establish a causal relationship as required by this paragraph.**

33 **[(7)] (9) If the child has no living parent and no guardian or next of kin in this state qualified**  
34 **to appear in behalf of the child, the court may order such notice, if any, to be given as the court**  
35 **deems necessary or proper.**

36 **(10) If the child is an Indian child, the child's tribe or Indian custodian may intervene**  
37 **at any time as a matter of right.**

38 **SECTION 26. ORS 109.326 is amended to read:**

39 **109.326. (1) If the mother of a child was married at the time of the conception or birth of the**  
40 **child, and it has been determined pursuant to ORS 109.065 or section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
41 **2020 (first special session), or judicially determined that the mother's spouse at such time or times**  
42 **was not the parent of the child, the spouse's authorization or waiver is not required in adoption,**  
43 **juvenile court or other proceedings concerning the custody of the child.**

44 **(2)(a) If parentage of the child has not been determined, a determination of nonparentage may**  
45 **be made by any court having adoption, divorce or juvenile court jurisdiction.**

1       **(b) Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section,** the testimony or affidavit of the  
2 mother or the spouse or another person with knowledge of the facts filed in the proceeding consti-  
3 tutes competent evidence before the court making the determination.

4       **(c) The provisions of this section relating to Indian children do not apply if the determi-**  
5 **nation of nonparentage is being made by a court having divorce jurisdiction or jurisdiction**  
6 **to decide custody between unmarried parents.**

7       (3) Before *[making]* **the court may make** the determination of nonparentage, the petitioner  
8 shall:

9       **(a) Conduct the inquiry described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
10 **special session), to determine whether the petitioner has reason to know that the child is**  
11 **an Indian child; and**

12       **(b) Serve on the spouse a summons and a true copy of a motion and order to show cause why**  
13 **a judgment of nonparentage should not be entered if:**

14       **[(a)] (A) There has been a determination by any court of competent jurisdiction that the spouse**  
15 **is the parent of the child;**

16       **[(b)] (B) The child resided with the spouse at any time since the child's birth; [or]**

17       **[(c)] (C) The spouse repeatedly has contributed or tried to contribute to the support of the**  
18 **child[.]; or**

19       **(D) The petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

20       (4) When the petitioner is required to serve the spouse with a summons and a motion and order  
21 to show cause under subsection (3) of this section[.];

22       **(a) Service must be made in the manner provided in ORCP 7 D and E, except as provided in**  
23 **subsection [(6)] (7) of this section. Service of the summons and the motion and order to show**  
24 **cause must be proved as required in ORCP 7 F. The summons and the motion and order to show**  
25 **cause need not contain the names of the adoptive parents.**

26       **(b) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the petitioner**  
27 **shall serve copies of the motion, together with the notice of proceeding required under sec-**  
28 **tion 16 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), on:**

29       **(A) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or in which the Indian child may be**  
30 **eligible for membership;**

31       **(B) The child's parents;**

32       **(C) The child's Indian custodian, if applicable; and**

33       **(D) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in**  
34 **25 C.F.R. 23.11(b), if the identity or location of the child's parents, Indian custodian or tribe**  
35 **cannot be ascertained.**

36       **(c) The petitioner shall file a declaration of compliance under penalty of perjury made in**  
37 **the manner described by ORCP 1 E, that includes:**

38       **(A) A statement and documentation, as described by the Department of Human Services**  
39 **by rule, of the efforts described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special**  
40 **session), that the petitioner made to determine whether there is reason to know that the**  
41 **child is an Indian child; and**

42       **(B) If the petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child:**

43       **(i) A statement describing the efforts the petitioner made, as required under section 19**  
44 **(2)(c) of this 2021 Act, to prevent the break up of the family or to reunite the family; and**

45       **(ii) A copy of each notice of proceeding the petitioner served as required under paragraph**

1 (b) of this subsection, together with any return receipts or other proof of service.

2 (5) The inquiry required under subsection (3)(a) of this section and notice required under  
3 subsection (4)(a) of this section may be combined with the inquiry and notice required under  
4 ORS 109.315 or 109.385 if the motion and order to show cause is filed concurrently with the  
5 petition for adoption or readoption under ORS 109.315 or 109.385.

6 [(5)] (6) A summons under subsection (3) of this section must contain:

7 (a) A statement that if the spouse fails to file a written answer to the motion and order to show  
8 cause within the time provided, the court, without further notice and in the spouse's absence, may  
9 take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a judgment of non-  
10 parentage on the date the answer is required or on a future date.

11 (b) A statement that:

12 (A) The spouse must file with the court a written answer to the motion and order to show cause  
13 within 30 days after the date on which the spouse is served with the summons or, if service of the  
14 summons is made by publication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last  
15 publication or posting.

16 (B) In the answer, the spouse must inform the court and the petitioner of the spouse's telephone  
17 number or contact telephone number and the spouse's current residence, mailing or contact address  
18 in the same state as the spouse's home. The answer may be in substantially the following form:

19 \_\_\_\_\_

20  
21 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
22 THE STATE OF OREGON  
23 FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

24 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
25 Petitioner, ) NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
26 )  
27 ) ANSWER  
28 and )  
29 )  
30 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
31 Respondent. )

32 [ ] I consent to the entry of a judgment of nonparentage.

33 [ ] I do not consent to the entry of a judgment of nonparentage. The court should not enter a  
34 judgment of nonparentage for the following reasons:

35 \_\_\_\_\_  
36 \_\_\_\_\_  
37 \_\_\_\_\_  
38 \_\_\_\_\_  
39 \_\_\_\_\_  
40 \_\_\_\_\_  
41 \_\_\_\_\_  
42 \_\_\_\_\_  
43 \_\_\_\_\_  
44 \_\_\_\_\_  
45 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Signature

2 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

3 ADDRESS OR CONTACT ADDRESS:

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 TELEPHONE OR CONTACT TELEPHONE:

7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

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10 (c) A notice that, if the spouse answers the motion and order to show cause, the court:

11 (A) Will schedule a hearing to address the motion and order to show cause and, if appropriate,  
12 the adoption petition;

13 (B) Will order the spouse to appear personally; and

14 (C) May schedule other hearings related to the petition and may order the spouse to appear  
15 personally.

16 (d) A notice that the spouse has the right to be represented by an attorney. The notice must  
17 be in substantially the following form:

18 \_\_\_\_\_

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20 You have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you wish to be represented by an attorney,  
21 please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's  
22 financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. To  
23 request appointment of an attorney to represent you at state expense, you must contact the circuit  
24 court immediately. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ for further information.

25 \_\_\_\_\_

26

27 (e) A statement that the spouse has the responsibility to maintain contact with the spouse's at-  
28 torney and to keep the attorney advised of the spouse's whereabouts.

29 [(6)] (7) A spouse who is served with a summons and a motion and order to show cause under  
30 this section shall file with the court a written answer to the motion and order to show cause within  
31 30 days after the date on which the spouse is served with the summons or, if service is made by  
32 publication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or post-  
33 ing. In the answer, the spouse shall inform the court and the petitioner of the spouse's telephone  
34 number or contact telephone number and current address, as defined in ORS 25.011. The answer  
35 may be in substantially the form described in subsection [(5)] (6) of this section.

36 [(7)] (8) If the spouse requests the assistance of appointed counsel and the court determines that  
37 the spouse is financially eligible, the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the spouse at state  
38 expense. Appointment of counsel under this subsection is subject to ORS 135.055, 151.216 and  
39 151.219. The court may not substitute one appointed counsel for another except pursuant to the  
40 policies, procedures, standards and guidelines adopted under ORS 151.216.

41 [(8)] (9) If the spouse files an answer as required under subsection [(6)] (7) of this section, the  
42 court, by oral order made on the record or by written order provided to the spouse in person or  
43 mailed to the spouse at the address provided by the spouse, shall:

44 (a) Inform the spouse of the time, place and purpose of the next hearing or hearings related to  
45 the motion and order to show cause or the adoption petition;

1 (b) Require the spouse to appear personally at the next hearing or hearings related to the mo-  
2 tion and order to show cause or the adoption petition; and

3 (c) Inform the spouse that, if the spouse fails to appear as ordered for any hearing related to  
4 the motion and order to show cause or the adoption petition, the court, without further notice and  
5 in the spouse's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to  
6 entering a judgment of nonparentage on the date specified in the order or on a future date, without  
7 the consent of the spouse.

8 **(10)(a) Upon receiving the petitioner's declaration of compliance under subsection (4)(c)**  
9 **of this section, the court shall review the petitioner's statements and documentation and**  
10 **order that the adoption may proceed if the court finds that the petitioner satisfied the in-**  
11 **quiry requirements under section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),**  
12 **and, if applicable, the notice requirements under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020**  
13 **(first special session).**

14 **(b) If the court finds that the petitioner failed to satisfy the inquiry or, if applicable,**  
15 **notice requirements under sections 15 (2) and 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
16 **special session), or if the documentation is insufficient for the court to make those findings,**  
17 **the court shall direct the petitioner to cure the inquiry or notice deficiency and file an**  
18 **amended declaration of compliance. The court shall order the petitioner to appear and show**  
19 **cause why the court should not deny the motion and order to show cause if the petitioner**  
20 **fails to file the amended declaration of compliance within a reasonable amount of time.**

21 [(9)] **(11)(a)** If a spouse fails to file a written answer as required in subsection [(6)] (7) of this  
22 section or fails to appear for a hearing related to the motion and order to show cause or the petition  
23 as directed by court order under this section, the court, without further notice to the spouse and  
24 in the spouse's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to  
25 entering a judgment of nonparentage.

26 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court may not enter a judgment**  
27 **of nonparentage unless the court finds that the petitioner complied with the inquiry re-**  
28 **quirements under section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

29 **(12) If the child is an Indian child:**

30 **(a) The court may not enter a judgment of nonparentage with the consent of the spouse**  
31 **unless:**

32 **(A) The consent clearly sets out the conditions to the consent, if any;**

33 **(B) Prior to the execution of the consent, the court explains to the spouse, on the record**  
34 **in detail and in the language of the spouse, the spouse's right to legal counsel, the terms and**  
35 **consequences of the consent and that the spouse may withdraw the consent at any time**  
36 **prior to the entry of a judgment of adoption or readoption under ORS 109.350;**

37 **(C) The spouse executes the consent in person before the court not less than 10 days**  
38 **following the date of the Indian child's birth; and**

39 **(D) After the spouse executes the consent, the court certifies that the court provided the**  
40 **explanation in the manner required under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph and that the**  
41 **spouse fully understood the explanation.**

42 **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (9) or (11) of this section, the court may not enter a**  
43 **judgment of nonparentage without the consent of the spouse unless:**

44 **(A) The court has offered to order mediation through the Department of Human Ser-**  
45 **vices, or, if there is mutual party agreement to private mediation and to the party assump-**

1 tion of costs, through other mediation services, between the petitioner, spouse, Indian child's  
2 tribe and, if applicable, the proposed adoptive placement;

3 (B) If requested by the tribe, an agreement is in place that requires the petitioner or, if  
4 applicable, the proposed adoptive placement to maintain connection between the Indian child  
5 and the Indian child's tribe; and

6 (C) The court finds that:

7 (i) The petitioner complied with the notice requirements as required under section 16 (2),  
8 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);

9 (ii) Despite petitioner's active efforts, evidence, including the testimony of one or more  
10 qualified expert witnesses under section 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
11 sion), establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the continued custody of the Indian child  
12 by the spouse is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child  
13 and that the petitioner's active efforts under section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
14 special session), to reunite the Indian family did not eliminate the necessity for termination  
15 of the spouse's parental rights based on serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian  
16 child; and

17 (iii) That the adoptive placement complies with the placement preferences under section  
18 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), or, if not, a finding upon the  
19 petitioner's motion under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),  
20 that good cause exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences in section 23 (2),  
21 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

22 (c) The evidence under paragraph (b)(C)(ii) of this subsection must show a causal re-  
23 lationship between the particular conditions in the Indian child's home and the likelihood  
24 that the spouse's continued custody will result in serious emotional or physical damage to  
25 the Indian child who is the subject of the adoption proceeding. Evidence that shows the ex-  
26 istence of community or family poverty, isolation, single parenthood, custodian age, crowded  
27 or inadequate housing, substance abuse or nonconforming social behavior does not, by itself,  
28 establish a causal relationship as required by this paragraph.

29 [(10)] (13) There shall be sufficient proof to enable the court to grant the relief sought without  
30 notice to the spouse [provided that] if:

31 (a) The affidavit of the mother of the child, of the spouse or of another person with knowledge  
32 of the facts filed in the proceeding states or the court finds from other competent evidence:

33 [(a)] (A) That the mother of the child was not cohabiting with the mother's spouse at the time  
34 of conception of the child and that the spouse is not the parent of the child;

35 [(b)] (B) That the spouse has not been judicially determined to be the parent of the child;

36 [(c)] (C) That the child has not resided with the spouse; and

37 [(d)] (D) That the spouse has not contributed or tried to contribute to the support of the  
38 child[.]; and

39 (b) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence, after due diligence on the part of  
40 the petitioner, that the child is not an Indian child.

41 [(11)] (14) Notwithstanding ORS 109.070 (1)(a), service of a summons and a motion and order to  
42 show cause on the spouse under subsection (3) of this section is not required and the spouse's con-  
43 sent, authorization or waiver is not required in adoption proceedings concerning the child unless  
44 the child is an Indian child or the spouse has met the requirements of subsection [(3)(a), (b) or  
45 (c)] (3)(b)(A), (B) or (C) of this section.



1 [(12)] (15) A spouse who was not cohabiting with the mother at the time of the child's con-  
2 ception has the primary responsibility to protect the spouse's rights.

3 [(13)] (16) Nothing in this section shall be used to set aside an act of a permanent nature, in-  
4 cluding but not limited to adoption, unless the parent establishes, within one year **or, if the child**  
5 **is an Indian child, four years** after the entry of the order or general judgment, as defined in ORS  
6 18.005, fraud on the part of the petitioner with respect to the matters specified in subsection [(10)(a),  
7 (b), (c) or (d)] (13)(a) of this section.

8 (17) **If the child is an Indian child, the child's tribe or Indian custodian may intervene**  
9 **at any time as a matter of right.**

10 **SECTION 27.** ORS 109.308 is amended to read:

11 109.308. (1) In an adoption proceeding that is contested or in which a summons is required to  
12 be served, the court may preserve the confidentiality of the names and addresses of the petitioners  
13 for the adoption if the court finds that to do so is in the best interests of the child.

14 (2) **The preservation of confidentiality under this section does not relieve the court or**  
15 **any petitioners in an adoption proceeding from the duty to comply with the placement pref-**  
16 **erences under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), if the child**  
17 **is an Indian child.**

18 **SECTION 28.** Section 21, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
19 read:

20 **Sec. 21.** (1) In any **child custody** proceeding under **ORS 109.326 or 109.330** or ORS chapter  
21 419B when there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child, each party has the right to  
22 timely examine all reports or other documents held by the Department of Human Services that are  
23 not otherwise subject to a discovery exception under ORS 419B.881 or precluded under state or  
24 federal law.

25 (2) **The preservation of confidentiality under this section does not relieve the court or**  
26 **any petitioners in an adoption proceeding from the duty to comply with the placement pref-**  
27 **erences under section 23 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), if the child**  
28 **is an Indian child.**

29  
30 (Agency Consent)

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32 **SECTION 29.** ORS 418.270 is amended to read:

33 418.270. (1) If licensed for such purposes by the Department of Human Services, a child-caring  
34 agency may receive children from the children's parents or legal guardians for special, temporary  
35 or continued care. **Upon receiving a child under this section, the agency shall make inquiries,**  
36 **as described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to deter-**  
37 **mine whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child.** The parents or  
38 guardians may sign releases or surrenders giving to the agency guardianship and control of the  
39 children during the period of care, which may be extended until the children arrive at legal age.  
40 Releases do not surrender the rights of parents or guardians in respect to the adoption of children  
41 and do not entitle the agency to give consent to the adoption of the children unless the release or  
42 surrender expressly recites that the release or surrender is given for the purpose of adoption.  
43 Child-caring agencies are authorized to place children for adoption or family foster care only if au-  
44 thorized by the department in the license issued by the department to the agency.

45 (2) Severance of family ties with children by adoption or otherwise may be accomplished only

1 by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

2 (3) In the absence of the certificate provided for in subsection (4) of this section, it is unlawful  
3 to present a child released or surrendered to a child-caring agency by a parent, parents or guardian  
4 for a court to pass upon the adoption of the child until at least six months have elapsed after signing  
5 the release or surrender.

6 (4) Parents or guardians who have given a child into the guardianship of a child-caring agency  
7 by release or surrender under this section for the purpose of adoption may, concurrently or subse-  
8 quently and without any adoption proceeding having been initiated, agree that the release or sur-  
9 render shall become irrevocable as soon as the child is placed by the agency in the physical custody  
10 of a person or persons for the purpose of adoption, and waive their right to personal appearance in  
11 court in matters of adoption of the child, by a duly signed and attested certificate. From and after  
12 physical placement for adoption, **or, if the child is an Indian child, upon entry of the judgment**  
13 **of adoption**, the certificate of irrevocability and waiver and the release or surrender may not be  
14 revoked by the parent or guardian unless fraud or duress is affirmatively proved.

15 (5) No agreement to release or surrender a child for adoption, or other agreement or waiver of  
16 rights having the same effect, executed before March 24, 1971, in connection with the surrender of  
17 a child into the guardianship of a child-caring agency for purposes of adoption, may be revoked or  
18 held invalid for any reason except upon affirmative proof of fraud or duress.

19 **(6)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (4) of this section, if the agency has reason to**  
20 **know that a child being released or surrendered is an Indian child:**

21 **(A) The release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver must be executed**  
22 **before a court, consistent with this subsection; and**

23 **(B) The agency shall petition the court to hold a hearing in which the child's parent may**  
24 **execute the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver.**

25 **(b) The petition for a hearing under this subsection may be filed in any pending child**  
26 **custody proceeding, as defined in section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-**  
27 **sion), involving the child or, if none, a state or local court of competent jurisdiction.**

28 **(c) Upon receiving a petition under this subsection, the court shall schedule a hearing**  
29 **no fewer than 10 days following the child's date of birth and no more than 30 days following**  
30 **the date the petition is filed.**

31 **(d)(A) At the hearing, the court shall explain to the parent, on the record in detail and**  
32 **in the language of the parent, the parent's right to legal counsel, the terms and conse-**  
33 **quences of the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver and inform the**  
34 **parent that the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver may be revoked**  
35 **at any time prior to the entry of the judgment of adoption.**

36 **(B) The parent must execute the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and**  
37 **waiver in person before the court.**

38 **(C) The petitioner shall file the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and**  
39 **waiver with the court.**

40 **(D) The court shall certify that it provided the explanation in the manner required under**  
41 **subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and that the parent fully understood the terms and**  
42 **consequences of the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver.**

43 **SECTION 30.** ORS 419B.529, as amended by section 50, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
44 special session), is amended to read:

45 419B.529. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 109.309, a prospective adoptive parent is not required to file

1 a petition for adoption when:

2 (a) One of the following has occurred:

3 (A) A juvenile court that is a circuit court has entered an order of permanent commitment of  
4 a ward to the Department of Human Services under ORS 419B.527; or

5 (B) The parent has signed and the department has accepted a release and surrender to the de-  
6 partment, and the parent has signed[:]

7 [(i)] a certificate of irrevocability and waiver as provided in ORS 418.270 regarding a child;  
8 [or]

9 [(ii)] *A certificate of waiver under the Indian Child Welfare Act regarding a child;*

10 (b) The department has completed a home study as defined in ORS 109.304 that finds the pro-  
11 spective parent is suitable to adopt the child or ward and the department consents to the adoption  
12 of the child or ward by the prospective parent;

13 (c) If the child is an Indian child:

14 (A) The department has offered to coordinate mediation between the Indian child's tribe and the  
15 proposed adoptive placement;

16 (B) If requested by the tribe, an agreement is in place that requires the proposed adoptive par-  
17 ent to maintain connection between the Indian child and the Indian child's tribe; and

18 (C) If an agreement described in [*paragraph (c)(B) of this subsection*] **subparagraph (B) of this**  
19 **paragraph** is in place, the department incorporates the terms of the agreement into the placement  
20 report;

21 (d) Written evidence of the home study and a placement report requesting the juvenile court to  
22 enter a judgment of adoption have been filed in the juvenile court proceeding; and

23 (e) At the time the placement report is filed under paragraph (d) of this subsection, the pro-  
24 spective adoptive parent files the adoption report form required under ORS 109.400.

25 **(2) If the child is an Indian child, a parent's release, surrender or certificate of**  
26 **irrevocability and waiver under subsection (1)(a) of this section must meet the following re-**  
27 **quirements:**

28 **(a) The court explained to the parent, on the record in detail and in the language of the**  
29 **parent, the parent's right to legal counsel, the terms and consequences of the release, sur-**  
30 **render or certificate of irrevocability and waiver and informed the parent that the parent**  
31 **may revoke the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver at any time**  
32 **prior to the entry of the judgment of adoption;**

33 **(b) The parent executed the release, surrender or certificate of irrevocability and waiver**  
34 **before the court;**

35 **(c) The parent or child-caring agency filed a record of the release, surrender or certif-**  
36 **icate of irrevocability and waiver with the court; and**

37 **(d) The court certified that the court provided the explanation as required under para-**  
38 **graph (a) of this subsection and that the parent fully understood the terms and consequences**  
39 **of the release and surrender.**

40 [(2)] (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a prospective adoptive parent is required  
41 to file an Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement with accompanying exhibits as  
42 provided under ORS 109.317.

43 [(3)] (4) Notwithstanding ORS 21.135, the clerk of the juvenile court may not charge or collect  
44 first appearance fees for a proceeding under this section.

45 [(4)(a)] (5)(a) After the filing of written evidence of a home study and the placement report re-

1 requesting the court to enter a judgment of adoption, the juvenile court that entered the order of  
2 permanent commitment, or the juvenile court having jurisdiction over a ward for whom the depart-  
3 ment has accepted a release and surrender and a certificate **and waiver** signed by the parent as  
4 provided in subsection (1)(a)(B) of this section, may proceed as provided in ORS 109.307 and 109.350  
5 and may enter a judgment of adoption.

6 (b) If the child is an Indian child and the Indian child's tribe has entered into an agreement  
7 described in subsection (1)(c)(B) of this section, the judgment of adoption must include the terms of  
8 the agreement.

9 [(5)] (6) Records of adoptions filed and established under this section shall be kept in accordance  
10 with, and are subject to, ORS 109.319.

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12 **(Judgment of Adoption or Readoption)**

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14 **SECTION 31. Sections 32 and 33 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
15 **109.304 to 109.410.**

16 **SECTION 32. (1) As used in this section:**

17 (a) **"Former parent"** means a person who was previously the legal parent of an Indian  
18 child subject to a judgment of adoption under ORS 109.350 or 419B.529 and whose parental  
19 rights have not been restored under section 33 or 39 of this 2021 Act.

20 (b) **"Prior Indian custodian"** means a person who was an Indian child's Indian custodian  
21 before entry of a judgment of adoption of the child under ORS 109.350 or 419B.529.

22 (2) If a judgment of adoption of an Indian child under ORS 109.350 or 419B.529 is vacated,  
23 or the adoptive parent has voluntarily consented to the termination of parental rights, the  
24 court vacating the judgment or terminating the parental rights must notify, by registered  
25 or certified mail with return receipt requested, the Indian child's former parents, prior In-  
26 dian custodian, if any, and Indian tribe.

27 (3) The notice required under subsection (2) of this section must:

28 (a) Include the Indian child's current name and any former names as reflected in the  
29 court record;

30 (b) Inform the recipient of the right to move the court for the return of custody of and  
31 restoration of parental rights to the Indian child under this section;

32 (c) Provide sufficient information to allow the recipient to participate in any scheduled  
33 hearings; and

34 (d) Be sent to the last known address in the court record.

35 (4)(a) An Indian child's former parent or prior Indian custodian may waive notice under  
36 this section by executing waiver of notice in person before the court and filing the waiver  
37 with the court. The waiver must clearly set out the conditions to the waiver, if any.

38 (b) Prior to the execution of a waiver under this subsection, the court must explain to  
39 the former parent or prior Indian custodian, on the record in detail and in the language of  
40 the former parent or prior Indian custodian:

41 (A) The former parent's right to legal counsel, if applicable;

42 (B) The terms and consequences of the waiver; and

43 (C) How the waiver may be revoked.

44 (c) After execution of the waiver, the court shall certify that it provided the explanation  
45 as required under paragraph (b) of this subsection and that the former parent or prior Indian

1 custodian fully understood the explanation.

2 (5) At any time prior to the entry of a judgment of adoption or readoption of the Indian  
3 child, the former parent or prior Indian custodian may revoke a waiver executed by the  
4 former parent or prior Indian custodian by filing a written revocation with the court or by  
5 making a statement of revocation on the record in a proceeding for the adoption of the In-  
6 dian child.

7 (6)(a) If a judgment of adoption or readoption of an Indian child under ORS 109.350 or  
8 419B.529 is vacated other than as provided in section 33 of this 2021 Act or section 22, chapter  
9 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), or the adoptive parent of the Indian child has  
10 voluntarily consented to the termination of parental rights, an Indian child's former parent  
11 or prior Indian custodian may intervene in the proceeding and move the court for the Indian  
12 child to be returned to the custody of the former parent or prior Indian custodian and for  
13 the parental rights to the Indian child to be restored.

14 (b)(A) The moving party shall provide by registered or certified mail, return receipt re-  
15 quested, notice of the motion for the Indian child to be returned to the custody of the former  
16 parent or prior Indian custodian and the time set for filing objections to the motion, together  
17 with notice of proceeding in the form required under section 16 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws  
18 2020 (first special session), to:

19 (i) Each tribe of which the child may be a member or in which the Indian child may be  
20 eligible for membership;

21 (ii) The child's parents;

22 (iii) The child's Indian custodian, if applicable; and

23 (iv) The appropriate United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director listed in  
24 25 C.F.R. 23.11(b), if the identify or location of the child's parents cannot be ascertained.

25 (B) The petitioner shall file a declaration of compliance, including a copy of each notice  
26 sent under this subsection, together with any return receipts or other proof of service.

27 (c) Upon the filing of an objection to the motion, the court shall fix the time for hearing  
28 on objections.

29 (d) The court shall order the Indian child returned to the custody of the former parent  
30 or prior Indian custodian or restore the parental rights to the Indian child unless the court  
31 finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the return of custody or restoration of parental  
32 rights is not in the child's best interests, as described in section 5, chapter 14, Oregon Laws  
33 2020 (first special session). The court's order must include a transition plan for the physical  
34 custody of the child, which may include protective supervision under ORS 419B.331.

35 **SECTION 33.** (1) A petition to vacate a judgment of adoption of an Indian child under  
36 ORS 109.350 or 419B.529 may be filed in a state or local court of competent jurisdiction by a  
37 parent who consented to the adoption.

38 (2) Upon the filing of a petition under this section, the court shall set a time for a  
39 hearing on the petition and provide notice of the petition and hearing to each party to the  
40 adoption proceeding and to the Indian child's tribe.

41 (3) After a hearing on the petition, the court shall vacate the judgment of adoption if:

42 (a) The petition is filed no later than four years following the date of the judgment; and

43 (b) The court finds that the parent's consent was obtained through fraud or duress.

44 (4) When the court vacates a judgment of adoption under this section, the court shall  
45 also order that the parental rights of the parent whose consent the court found was obtained

1 **through fraud or duress be restored. The order restoring parental rights under this section**  
2 **must include a transition plan for the physical custody of the child.**

3 **SECTION 34.** ORS 419B.470 is amended to read:

4 419B.470. (1) The court shall conduct a permanency hearing within 30 days after a judicial  
5 finding is made under ORS 419B.340 (5) if, based upon that judicial finding, the Department of Hu-  
6 man Services determines that it will not make reasonable efforts to reunify the family.

7 (2) In all other cases when a child or ward is in substitute care, the court shall conduct a  
8 permanency hearing no later than 12 months after the ward was found within the jurisdiction of the  
9 court under ORS 419B.100 or 14 months after the child or ward was placed in substitute care,  
10 whichever is the earlier.

11 (3) If a ward is removed from court sanctioned permanent foster care, the department shall re-  
12 quest and the court shall conduct a permanency hearing within three months after the date of the  
13 change in placement.

14 (4) If a ward has been surrendered for adoption or the parents' rights have been terminated and  
15 the department has not physically placed the ward for adoption or initiated adoption proceedings  
16 within six months after the surrender or entry of an order terminating parental rights, the court  
17 shall conduct a permanency hearing within 30 days after receipt of the report required by ORS  
18 419B.440 (1)(b)(B).

19 (5) If an order **is entered** reinstating parental rights [*is entered*] under ORS 419B.532 **or section**  
20 **32 of this 2021 Act**, the court shall conduct a permanency hearing within 60 days after entry of the  
21 order.

22 (6) Unless good cause otherwise is shown, the court shall also conduct a permanency hearing  
23 at any time upon the request of the department, an agency directly responsible for care or place-  
24 ment of the child or ward, parents whose parental rights have not been terminated, an attorney for  
25 the child or ward, a court appointed special advocate, a citizen review board, a tribal court or upon  
26 its own motion. The court shall schedule the hearing as soon as possible after receiving a request.

27 (7) After the initial permanency hearing conducted under subsection (1) or (2) of this section or  
28 any permanency hearing conducted under subsections (3) to (6) of this section, the court shall con-  
29 duct subsequent permanency hearings not less frequently than once every 12 months for as long as  
30 the child or ward remains in substitute care.

31 (8) After the permanency hearing conducted under subsection (4) of this section, the court shall  
32 conduct subsequent permanency hearings at least every six months for as long as the ward is not  
33 physically placed for adoption or adoption proceedings have not been initiated.

34 (9) If a child returns to substitute care after a court's previously established jurisdiction over  
35 the child has been dismissed or terminated, a permanency hearing shall be conducted no later than  
36 12 months after the child is found within the jurisdiction of the court on a newly filed petition or  
37 14 months after the child's most recent placement in substitute care, whichever is the earlier.

38 **SECTION 35.** ORS 419B.524 is amended to read:

39 419B.524. (1) Except as provided in ORS 419B.532 **or section 32 or 33 of this 2021 Act or**  
40 **section 22, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**, unless there is an appeal from  
41 the order terminating the rights of the parent or parents, the order permanently terminates all  
42 rights of the parent or parents whose rights are terminated and the parent or parents have no  
43 standing to appear as such in any legal proceeding concerning the ward.

44 (2) **A parent who is the subject of an order restoring parental rights under section 33 of**  
45 **this 2021 Act or section 22, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), may assert**

1 **that the parental rights were never terminated without incurring a penalty for perjury or**  
2 **false swearing under the laws of the state.**

3 **SECTION 36.** ORS 109.350 is amended to read:

4 109.350. (1) If, upon a petition for adoption or readoption duly presented and consented to, the  
5 court is satisfied as to the identity and relations of the persons, that the petitioner is of sufficient  
6 ability to bring up the child and furnish suitable nurture and education, having reference to the  
7 degree and condition of the parents, [*that, if applicable, the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare*  
8 *Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) have been met,*] and that it is fit and proper that such adoption or rea-  
9 doption be effected, a judgment shall be made setting forth the facts, and ordering that from the date  
10 of the judgment the child, to all legal intents and purposes, is the child of the petitioner.

11 **(2)(a) A judgment entered under this section must include:**

12 **(A) A finding that the petitioner complied with the inquiry requirements under section**  
13 **15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to determine whether there is**  
14 **reason to know that the child is an Indian child; and**

15 **(B) A finding that the child is or is not an Indian child.**

16 **(b) In an adoption or readoption [*subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et***  
17 ***seq.*],] of an Indian child, the judgment must include:**

18 **(A) The birth name and birthdate of the Indian child, the Indian child's tribal affiliation**  
19 **and the name of the Indian child after adoption;**

20 **(B) The names and addresses of the biological parents;**

21 **(C) The names and addresses of the adoptive parents;**

22 **(D) The name and contact information for any agency having files or information relating**  
23 **to the adoption;**

24 **(E) Any information relating to tribal membership or eligibility for tribal membership of**  
25 **the Indian child;**

26 **(F) The determination regarding the Indian child's residence, domicile and tribal**  
27 **wardship status as required under section 9, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special**  
28 **session);**

29 **(G) A finding that the petitioner complied with the notice requirements under section 16,**  
30 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

31 **(H) If an agency consented to the adoption in loco parentis and the Indian child's tribe**  
32 **has entered into an agreement described in ORS 419B.529 (1)(c)(B), the terms of the agree-**  
33 **ment; and**

34 **(I)(i) A finding that the adoptive placement complies with the placement preferences**  
35 **under section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); or**

36 **(ii) If the placement does not comply with the placement preferences under section 23 (2),**  
37 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), a finding upon the petitioner's motion**  
38 **under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that good cause**  
39 **exists for placement contrary to the placement preferences.**

40 **(c) For each of the findings or determinations under this subsection, the court must**  
41 **provide a description of the facts upon which the finding or determination is based.**

42 **(d) Upon entry of the judgment of adoption of an Indian child, the state court shall provide**  
43 **to the United States Secretary of the Interior [*a copy of the judgment together with the other infor-***  
44 ***mation required by the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.)*] copies of the judgment**  
45 **entered under this section and any document signed by a consenting parent requesting ano-**

1 **nymity.**

2 **SECTION 37.** Section 22, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
3 read:

4 **Sec. 22.** *[(1) A petition to invalidate the placement of an Indian child, the guardianship of an In-*  
5 *Indian child or the termination of parental rights involving an Indian child may be filed in any court*  
6 *of competent jurisdiction by:]*

7 **(1) A petition to vacate an order or a judgment involving an Indian child regarding ju-**  
8 **risdiction, placement, guardianship or the termination of parental rights may be filed in a**  
9 **pending child custody proceeding involving the Indian child or, if none, in any state or local**  
10 **court of competent jurisdiction by:**

11 (a) *[An]* **The Indian child who** *[is or was under]* **was alleged to be within** the jurisdiction of the  
12 *[juvenile]* court under ORS *[chapter 419B]* **109.309 or 419B.100;**

13 (b) The Indian child's parent or Indian custodian from whose custody such child was removed  
14 **or whose parental rights were terminated;** or

15 (c) The Indian child's tribe.

16 (2)(a) The court shall *[invalidate the placement of an Indian child, the guardianship of an Indian*  
17 *child or the termination of parental rights]* **vacate an order or judgment** involving an Indian child  
18 **regarding jurisdiction, placement, guardianship or the termination of parental rights** if the  
19 court determines that any provision of *[sections]* **ORS 418.312 or section 12, 13, 16 (2), (3)(a) or (b),**  
20 **(5)(a), 20 (1) or 21, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),** *[of this 2020 special*  
21 *session Act, ORS 418.312]* or, where required, section 17 (2), 18 or 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
22 **2020 (first special session)** *[of this 2020 special session Act]* has been violated **and the court de-**  
23 **termines it is appropriate to vacate the order or judgment.**

24 *[(b) The proceeding that led to the violation must be vacated and, if the proceeding led to the re-*  
25 *moval or placement of the Indian child, the court shall order the child immediately returned to the*  
26 *Indian child's parent or Indian custodian, and any issues determined must be relitigated.]*

27 **(b) If the vacated order or judgment resulted in the removal or placement of the Indian**  
28 **child, the court shall order the child immediately returned to the Indian child's parent or**  
29 **Indian custodian and the court's order must include a transition plan for the physical cus-**  
30 **tody of the child, which may include protective supervision under ORS 419B.331.**

31 **(c) If the vacated order or judgment terminated parental rights, the court shall order the**  
32 **previously terminated parental rights to be restored.**

33 **(d) If the state or any other party affirmatively asks the court to reconsider the issues**  
34 **under the vacated order or judgment, the court's findings or determinations must be read-**  
35 **judicated.**

36 **(3) As used in this section, "termination of parental rights" includes the involuntary**  
37 **termination of parental rights under ORS chapter 419B or the termination of parental rights**  
38 **resulting from an adoption proceeding under ORS 109.304 to 109.410.**

39 *[(3)(a) If any party to a proceeding under ORS chapter 419B involving an Indian child asserts or*  
40 *the court has reason to believe that the Indian child may have been improperly retained following a*  
41 *visit or temporary relinquishment of custody or improperly removed, the court shall expeditiously de-*  
42 *termine whether the Indian child was improperly retained or improperly removed.]*

43 *[(b) If the court finds that the Indian child was improperly retained or improperly removed, the*  
44 *court shall terminate the proceeding and order the Department of Human Services to immediately re-*  
45 *turn the Indian child to the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian, unless the court determines by*



1 *clear and convincing evidence that doing so would subject the Indian child to substantial and imme-*  
2 *diately danger or a threat of substantial and immediate danger.]*

3 **SECTION 38.** Section 39 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of sections 1 to 23,  
4 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

5 **SECTION 39.** (1) The juvenile court, on the court's own motion or on the motion of any  
6 party, shall expeditiously determine whether an Indian child asserted to be within the juris-  
7 diction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100 has been improperly removed or improperly  
8 retained following a visit or temporary relinquishment of custody. A motion under this sec-  
9 tion may be made orally on the record or in writing.

10 (2) If the court finds that the Indian child has been improperly removed or improperly  
11 retained, the court shall order the Department of Human Services to immediately return the  
12 Indian child to the child's parent or Indian custodian and dismiss the proceeding, unless the  
13 court determines by clear and convincing evidence that doing so would subject the child to  
14 substantial and immediate danger or a threat of substantial and immediate danger.

15  
16 (Adoption Records)

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18 **SECTION 40.** ORS 109.319 is amended to read:

19 109.319. (1) The clerk or court administrator of any court having jurisdiction over adoption  
20 proceedings shall keep a separate record of the case for each adoption proceeding filed with the  
21 court. Adoption proceedings shall not be entered upon the general records of the court.

22 (2) The clerk, court administrator and any other person having custody of the records, papers  
23 and files in the court's record of an adoption case shall cause the records, papers and files, both  
24 prior to entry of judgment and after entry of judgment of adoption, to be sealed. The clerk, court  
25 administrator and any other person having custody of the records, papers and files shall not unseal  
26 or allow inspection or copying of or disclose any information in the records, papers and files to any  
27 person or entity, except as provided in this section or pursuant to ORS [109.305] **109.304** to 109.410  
28 or 109.425 to 109.507.

29 (3) Prior to entry of judgment in an adoption proceeding, and after entry of judgment in an  
30 adoption proceeding but prior to the minor child who is the subject of the adoption proceeding at-  
31 taining 18 years of age, the following may inspect and copy sealed records, papers and files that are  
32 maintained in the court's record of an adoption case without a court order:

33 (a) Presiding judges and judges of the court operating under the Judicial Department, and court  
34 staff or other persons operating under the direction of the presiding judges or judges;

35 (b) Petitioners and their attorneys of record; *[and]*

36 (c) The Department of Human Services[.]; **and**

37 **(d) If the minor child is an Indian child, the Indian child's tribe and the United States**  
38 **Secretary of the Interior.**

39 (4) After entry of judgment in an adoption proceeding and after the minor child who is the  
40 subject of the adoption proceeding has attained 18 years of age, the following may inspect and copy  
41 sealed records, papers and files that are maintained in the court's record of the adoption case  
42 without a court order:

43 (a) Judges of the court operating under the Judicial Department and court staff or other persons  
44 operating under the direction of the judges;

45 (b) The person who was the minor child in the adoption proceeding, except that the person who

1 was the minor child in the adoption proceeding may not inspect or copy the home study approved  
2 under ORS 109.309 (7) except pursuant to a court order and with good cause;

3 (c) Petitioners and their attorneys of record; *[and]*

4 (d) The Department of Human Services[.]; **and**

5 **(e) If the minor child was an Indian child, the Indian child's tribe and the United States**  
6 **Secretary of the Interior.**

7 (5)(a) After entry of judgment in an adoption proceeding and after the minor child who is the  
8 subject of the adoption proceeding has attained 18 years of age, an individual whose consent for the  
9 adoption is required under ORS 109.321 **or section 19 of this 2021 Act** may file a motion with the  
10 court to inspect and copy sealed records, papers and files that are maintained in the court's record  
11 of the adoption case.

12 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the court shall grant the motion ex-  
13 cept for good cause but must exclude from inspection and copying:

14 (A) For adoption cases filed on or after January 1, 2014:

15 (i) The Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement filed in accordance with ORS  
16 109.317; and

17 (ii) Exhibits described in ORS 109.317 (2) that are contained in the court's record of the adoption  
18 case.

19 (B) For adoption cases filed before January 1, 2014:

20 (i) Statements, exhibits and other documents provided for purposes of the Uniform Child Custody  
21 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act pursuant to ORS 109.767;

22 (ii) A home study;

23 (iii) A report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar of the  
24 Center for Health Statistics under ORS 432.223 or a similar document in which the court has certi-  
25 fied to the state registrar the facts of the live birth of the person adopted;

26 (iv) A medical history described in ORS 109.342 or a similar document provided to the court for  
27 the purpose of describing the medical history of the minor child or of the biological parents; and

28 (v) Addresses, phone numbers and Social Security numbers of persons or entities described in  
29 ORS 109.317 (1)(a) to (d) that are contained in the court's record of the adoption case.

30 (c) If the Department of Human Services consented or has the authority to consent to the  
31 adoption of a minor child under ORS 109.325 or 419B.529:

32 (A) A parent who has signed a release and surrender to the department under ORS 418.270, that  
33 was accepted by the department, or whose parental rights were terminated under ORS 419B.500 and  
34 419B.502 to 419B.524, may file a motion with the court to inspect or copy sealed records, papers and  
35 files that are maintained in the court's record of the adoption case but may not be granted the right  
36 to inspect or copy:

37 (i) For adoption cases filed on or after January 1, 2014:

38 (I) The Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement filed in accordance with ORS  
39 109.317; and

40 (II) Exhibits described in ORS 109.317 (2) that are contained in the court's record of the  
41 adoption case.

42 (ii) For adoption cases filed before January 1, 2014:

43 (I) Statements, exhibits and other documents provided for purposes of the Uniform Child Custody  
44 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act pursuant to ORS 109.767;

45 (II) A home study;

1 (III) A report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar of the  
2 Center for Health Statistics under ORS 432.223 or a similar document in which the court has certi-  
3 fied to the state registrar the facts of the live birth of the person adopted; and

4 (IV) A medical history described in ORS 109.342 or a similar document provided to the court for  
5 the purpose of describing the medical history of the minor child or of the biological parents.

6 (B)(i) The court may grant the motion for good cause. The name, address, phone number, Social  
7 Security number or other identifying information of any individual or entity contained in the re-  
8 cords, papers and files must be redacted and may not be disclosed as part of the inspection or  
9 copying allowed under this paragraph.

10 (ii) Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph, the name of the parent filing the  
11 motion and the name, bar number and contact information for any attorney of record in the case  
12 may be disclosed as part of the inspection or copying allowed under this paragraph.

13 (d) The fee imposed and collected by the court for the filing of a motion under this subsection  
14 by the birth parent of an adult adoptee shall be in accordance with ORS 21.145, except that a fee  
15 may not be imposed or collected for a motion filed under this subsection for adoptions where the  
16 Department of Human Services consented to the adoption under ORS 109.325 or 419B.529.

17 (6) Except as provided in subsection (5)(c) of this section, an individual or entity that signed a  
18 record, paper or document in a file contained in the court's record of the adoption case is entitled  
19 to inspect and obtain a copy of that record, paper or document without a court order. The signature  
20 and name of any other individual or entity on the same record, paper or document must be redacted  
21 or otherwise not disclosed as part of the inspection and copying permitted under this subsection.

22 (7)(a) Any documents, writings, information and other records retained by the Department of  
23 Human Services or a child-caring agency as defined in ORS 418.205 in the department's or agency's  
24 record of an adoption case that are not records, papers and files in the court's record of the  
25 adoption case are confidential and must be sealed. Any records, documents or information, including  
26 records, papers and files in the court's record of the adoption case, retained by the department or  
27 agency in its record of an adoption case may be accessed, used or disclosed only as provided in this  
28 section or ORS [109.305] **109.304** to 109.410 or 109.425 to 109.507, or pursuant to a court order for  
29 good cause.

30 (b) The department or agency may, without a court order, access, use or disclose any records,  
31 documents or information retained by the department or agency in its record of an adoption case,  
32 including records, papers and files in the court's record of an adoption case that are in the pos-  
33 session of the department or the agency for the purpose of providing adoption services or the ad-  
34 ministration of child welfare services that the department or agency is authorized to provide under  
35 applicable federal or state law.

36 (8) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a court may grant a motion and enter an order  
37 allowing inspection, copying or other disclosure of records, papers and files that are maintained in  
38 the court's record of an adoption case for good cause.

39 (9) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the clerk or court administrator from certi-  
40 fying or providing copies of a judgment of adoption to the petitioner in an adoption proceeding, to  
41 the petitioner's attorney of record or to the Department of Human Services.

42 (10) The provisions of this section do not apply to the disclosure of information under ORS  
43 109.425 to 109.507.

44 (11) Except as provided in subsection (5)(d) of this section, the court may impose and collect fees  
45 for copies and services provided under this section, including but not limited to filing, inspection

1 and research fees.

2 (12) Unless good cause is shown, when the court grants a motion to inspect, copy or otherwise  
3 disclose records, papers and files in the court's record of an adoption case, the court shall order a  
4 prohibition or limitation on redisclosure of the records, papers and files, or of information contained  
5 in the records, papers and files.

6 (13) When inspection, copying or disclosure is allowed under this section, the court may require  
7 appropriate and reasonable verification of the identity of the requesting person to the satisfaction  
8 of the court.

9 **(14)(a) When an Indian child's tribe or the United States Secretary of the Interior re-**  
10 **quests access to the adoption records of an Indian child, the court must make the records**  
11 **available no later than 14 days following the date of the request.**

12 **(b) The records made available under this subsection must, at a minimum, include the**  
13 **petition, all substantive orders entered in the adoption proceeding, the complete record of**  
14 **the placement finding and, if the placement departs from the placement preferences under**  
15 **section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), detailed documentation of the**  
16 **efforts to comply with the placement preferences.**

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18 **PUTATIVE FATHER**  
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20 **SECTION 41.** Section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
21 read:

22 **Sec. 4. (1)** *[In addition to the methods for establishing parentage under ORS 109.065,]* A man's  
23 parentage of an Indian child is acknowledged or established for purposes of **ORS 109.304 to 109.410,**  
24 **ORS chapter 419B and sections 1 to 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),**  
25 *[of this 2020 special session Act and ORS chapter 419B]* if the man's parentage has been:

26 **(a) Established under ORS 109.065;**

27 *[(1)]* **(b) Established under tribal law;**

28 *[(2)]* **(c) Recognized in accordance with tribal custom; or**

29 *[(3)]* **(d) [Openly proclaimed] Subject to subsection (2) of this section, acknowledged orally**  
30 **or in writing** by the man to the court, *[to the Indian child's family,]* to the Department of Human  
31 Services or to an Oregon licensed adoption agency.

32 **(2)(a) If a man acknowledges paternity of an Indian child as provided in subsection (1)(d)**  
33 **of this section, the department or the adoption agency must notify the court of the man's**  
34 **acknowledgement immediately or, if a matter is not yet pending in this state, immediately**  
35 **upon filing a petition or being served with a copy of a petition alleging that the child is within**  
36 **the jurisdiction of the court under ORS 109.309 or 419B.100.**

37 **(b) No later than 30 days after receiving the man's oral or written acknowledgment under**  
38 **subsection (1)(d) of this section or receiving notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection**  
39 **of the man's acknowledgment, the court shall order blood tests, subject to the provisions of**  
40 **ORS 109.252.**

41 **(c) If any person fails to comply with the court's order for blood tests within a reasonable**  
42 **amount of time, the court shall consider the person to have refused to submit to the test for**  
43 **the purposes of ORS 109.252.**

44 **(d) If the blood tests ordered under paragraph (b) of this subsection do not confirm the**  
45 **man's paternity as provided in ORS 109.258, or if the man has refused to consent to the blood**

1 **tests, the man's parentage has not been acknowledged or established for purposes of sub-**  
2 **section (1) of this section.**

3 **SECTION 42.** ORS 109.252 is amended to read:

4 109.252. (1) Unless the court or administrator finds good cause not to proceed in a proceeding  
5 under ORS 25.501 to 25.556 [*and 109.125*] **or 109.124** to 109.230 **or section 4, chapter 14, Oregon**  
6 **Laws 2020 (first special session)**, in which parentage is a relevant fact, the court or administrator,  
7 as defined in ORS 25.010, upon the court's or administrator's own initiative or upon suggestion made  
8 by or on behalf of any person whose blood is involved may, or upon motion of any party to the  
9 action made at a time so as not to delay the proceedings unduly shall, order the mother, child, al-  
10 leged father and any other named respondent who may be the father to submit to blood tests. If any  
11 person refuses to submit to such tests, the court or administrator may resolve the question of par-  
12 entage against such person or enforce the court's or administrator's order if the rights of others and  
13 the interests of justice so require.

14 (2) When child support enforcement services are being provided under ORS 25.080, the Child  
15 Support Program shall pay any costs for blood tests subject to recovery from the party who re-  
16 quested the tests. If the original test result is contested prior to the entry of an order establishing  
17 parentage, the court or administrator shall order additional testing upon request and advance pay-  
18 ment by the party making the request.

19 **SECTION 43.** ORS 109.092 is amended to read:

20 109.092. (1) When it is determined that a woman is pregnant with a child, the woman and any  
21 man to whom she is not married and with whom she engaged in sexual intercourse at approximately  
22 the time of conception have an obligation to recognize that the man may be the other person re-  
23 sponsible for the conception.

24 **(2)(a)** During the months of pregnancy, the man may join the woman in acknowledging paternity  
25 and assuming the rights and duties of expectant parenthood.

26 **(b)** If the man acknowledges paternity of the expected child and the woman denies that he is  
27 the father or refuses to join him in acknowledging paternity, the man may seek relief under ORS  
28 109.125.

29 **(c)** If the woman wants the man to join her in acknowledging his paternity of the expected child  
30 and the man denies that he is the father or refuses to join her in acknowledging paternity, the  
31 woman may seek relief under ORS 109.125.

32 **(3)** If after the birth of the child the mother decides to surrender the child for adoption and  
33 paternity has not been acknowledged as provided in ORS 109.065 (1)(e) or the putative father has  
34 not asserted his rights in filiation proceedings, the mother has the right without the consent of the  
35 **putative** father to surrender the child as provided in ORS 418.270 or to consent to the child's  
36 adoption.

37 **(4) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply if the child is an Indian child.**

38 **SECTION 44.** ORS 109.096 is amended to read:

39 109.096. (1) When the parentage of a child has not been established under ORS 109.065 **or has**  
40 **not been established or acknowledged under section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
41 **special session)**, the putative father is entitled to reasonable notice in adoption or other court  
42 proceedings concerning the custody of the child, except for juvenile court proceedings, if the  
43 petitioner knows, or by the exercise of ordinary diligence should have known:

44 (a) That the child resided with the putative father at any time during the 60 days immediately  
45 preceding the initiation of the proceeding, or at any time since the child's birth if the child is less

1 than 60 days old when the proceeding is initiated; or

2 (b) That the putative father repeatedly has contributed or tried to contribute to the support of  
3 the child during the year immediately preceding the initiation of the proceeding, or during the pe-  
4 riod since the child's birth if the child is less than one year old when the proceeding is initiated.

5 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, a verified statement of the mother  
6 of the child or of the petitioner, or an affidavit of another person with knowledge of the facts, filed  
7 in the proceeding and asserting that the child has not resided with the putative father, as provided  
8 in subsection (1)(a) of this section, and that the putative father has not contributed or tried to con-  
9 tribute to the support of the child, as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section, is sufficient proof  
10 to enable the court to grant the relief sought without notice to the putative father.

11 (3) The putative father is entitled to reasonable notice in a proceeding for the adoption of the  
12 child if notice of the initiation of filiation proceedings as required by ORS 109.225 was on file with  
13 the Center for Health Statistics of the Oregon Health Authority prior to the child's being placed in  
14 the physical custody of a person or persons for the purpose of adoption by them. If the notice of the  
15 initiation of filiation proceedings was not on file at the time of the placement, the putative father  
16 is barred from contesting the adoption proceeding.

17 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, the putative father is entitled  
18 to reasonable notice in court proceedings concerning the custody of the child, other than juvenile  
19 court proceedings, if notice of the initiation of filiation proceedings as required by ORS 109.225 was  
20 on file with the Center for Health Statistics prior to the initiation of the proceedings.

21 (5) Notice under this section is not required to be given to a putative father who was a party  
22 to a filiation [*proceedings*] **proceeding** under ORS 109.125 **or to a proceeding to acknowledge or**  
23 **establish parentage of an Indian child under section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
24 **special session)**, that [*were*] **was** dismissed or resulted in a finding that he was not the father of  
25 the child.

26 (6) The notice required under this section shall be given in the manner provided in ORS 109.330.

27 (7) No notice given under this section need disclose the name of the mother of the child.

28 (8) A putative father has the primary responsibility to protect his rights, and nothing in this  
29 section shall be used to set aside an act of a permanent nature including, but not limited to,  
30 adoption or termination of parental rights, unless the father establishes within one year after the  
31 entry of the final judgment or order fraud on the part of a petitioner in the proceeding with respect  
32 to matters specified in subsections (1) to (5) of this section.

33 **SECTION 45.** ORS 109.098 is amended to read:

34 109.098. (1) If a putative father of a child by due appearance in a proceeding of which he is  
35 entitled to notice under ORS 109.096 objects to the relief sought, the court:

36 (a)(A) May stay the adoption or other court proceeding to await the outcome of the filiation  
37 proceedings only if notice of the initiation of filiation proceedings was on file as required by ORS  
38 109.096 (3) or (4); **or**

39 **(B) If the child is an Indian child, shall stay the adoption proceeding to await the out-**  
40 **come of a determination of the putative father's parentage under section 4, chapter 14,**  
41 **Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

42 (b) Shall, if **neither a** filiation [*proceedings are not*] **proceeding nor a proceeding to determine**  
43 **the putative father's parentage under section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special**  
44 **session)**, is pending, inquire as to the paternity of the child, the putative father's past endeavors  
45 to fulfill his obligation to support the child and to contribute to the pregnancy-related medical ex-

1 penses, the period that the child has lived with the putative father, the putative father's fitness to  
2 care for and rear the child and whether the putative father is willing to be declared the father of  
3 the child and to assume the responsibilities of a father.

4 (2) If after inquiry under subsection (1)(b) of this section the court finds:

5 (a) That the putative father is the father of the child and is fit and willing to assume the re-  
6 sponsibilities of a father, it shall have the power:

7 (A) Upon the request of the putative father, to declare his paternity and to certify the fact of  
8 paternity in the manner provided in ORS 109.094; and

9 (B) To award custody of the child to either parent as may be in the best interests of the child,  
10 or to take any other action which the court may take if the parents are or were married to each  
11 other.

12 (b) That the putative father is not the father of the child, it may grant the relief sought in the  
13 proceeding without the putative father's consent.

14 (c) That the putative father is the natural father of the child but is not fit or willing to assume  
15 the responsibilities of a father, it may grant the relief sought in the proceeding or any other relief  
16 that the court deems to be in the best interests of the child, notwithstanding the father's objection.

17 (3) If a putative father of a child is given the notice of a proceeding required by ORS 109.096  
18 and he fails to enter due appearance and to object to the relief sought therein within the time  
19 specified in the notice, the court may grant the relief sought without the putative father's consent.

20 **SECTION 46.** ORS 419B.395 is amended to read:

21 419B.395. (1) If in any proceeding under ORS 419B.100 or 419B.500 the juvenile court determines  
22 that the child or ward has fewer than two legal parents or that parentage is disputed as allowed in  
23 ORS 109.070, the court may enter a judgment of parentage or a judgment of nonparentage in com-  
24 pliance with the provisions of ORS 109.065, 109.070, 109.124 to 109.230, 109.250 to 109.262 and 109.326  
25 **and section 4, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

26 (2) Before entering a judgment under subsection (1) of this section, the court [*must find that*]  
27 **shall:**

28 (a) **Determine that the inquiry requirements under section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon**  
29 **Laws 2020 (first special session), to determine whether the child is an Indian child, have been**  
30 **satisfied;**

31 (b) **Make a finding regarding whether the child is an Indian child, subject to the proce-**  
32 **dures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and**

33 (c) **Find that** adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard was provided to:

34 [(a)] (A) The parties to the proceeding;

35 [(b)] (B) The person alleged or claiming to be the child or ward's parent; [*and*]

36 [(c)] (C) The Administrator of the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice or the  
37 branch office providing support services to the county in which the court is located[.]; **and**

38 (D) **If the child is an Indian child, the child's Indian custodian and tribe, together with**  
39 **the notice of proceeding in the form required under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
40 **2020 (first special session).**

41 (3) When appropriate, the court shall inform a person before the court claiming to be the parent  
42 of a child or ward that parentage establishment services may be available through the administrator  
43 if the child or ward:

44 (a) Is a child born out of wedlock;

45 (b) Has not been placed for adoption; and

- 1 (c) Has fewer than two legal parents.
- 2 (4) As used in this section:
- 3 (a) “Administrator” has the meaning given that term in ORS 25.010.
- 4 (b) “Child born out of wedlock” has the meaning given that term in ORS 109.124.
- 5 (c) “Legal parent” has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004 (19).

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7 **OREGON INDIAN CHILD WELFARE**

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9 **SECTION 47.** Section 7, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
10 read:

11 **Sec. 7.** (1) Unless an Indian child’s parent objects, the Department of Human Services shall  
12 provide assistance with enrolling an Indian child within the juvenile court’s jurisdiction under ORS  
13 419B.100 in a tribe with which the child is eligible for enrollment.

14 (2) In any **child custody** proceeding under ORS chapter 419B, *[where there is]* **when the de-**  
15 **partment determines the department has** reason to know **that** the child is an Indian child, and  
16 **if** the department reasonably believes that the Indian child is eligible for enrollment in a tribe, the  
17 department shall notify the Indian child’s parent of the parent’s right to object to the department’s  
18 assistance under subsection (1) of this section.

19 **SECTION 48.** Section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
20 read:

21 **Sec. 3.** (1) An individual has custody of an Indian child under sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14,**  
22 **Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),** *[of this 2020 special session Act]* if the individual has  
23 physical custody or legal custody of the Indian child under any applicable tribal law, tribal custom  
24 or state law.

25 (2) An Indian child’s parent has continued custody of the Indian child **under sections 1 to 23,**  
26 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),** if the parent currently has, or previously  
27 had, custody of the Indian child.

28 (3) For purposes of sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** *[of*  
29 *this 2020 special session Act]*, the following individuals are presumed to have continued custody of  
30 an Indian child:

- 31 (a) The Indian child’s biological mother.
- 32 (b) A man who is married to the Indian child’s biological mother.
- 33 (c) A man whose parentage has been acknowledged or established as described in section 4,  
34 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** *[of this 2020 special session Act]*.

35 **SECTION 49.** Section 5, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
36 read:

37 **Sec. 5. In a child custody proceeding involving an Indian child,** when making a determi-  
38 nation regarding the best interests of *[an Indian]* **the** child under **ORS 109.304 to 109.410, ORS**  
39 **chapter 419B,** sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** *[of this 2020*  
40 *special session Act, ORS chapter 419B]*, the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) or any  
41 regulations or rules regarding **ORS 109.304 to 109.410, ORS chapter 419B,** sections 1 to 23,  
42 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),** *[of this 2020 special session Act]* or the In-  
43 dian Child Welfare Act, the *[juvenile]* court shall, in consultation with the Indian child’s tribe, con-  
44 sider the following *[relevant factors]*:

- 45 (1) The protection of the safety, well-being, development and stability of the Indian child;



1 (2) The prevention of unnecessary out-of-home placement of the Indian child;

2 (3) The prioritization of placement of the Indian child in accordance with the placement prefer-  
3 ences under section 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)** [*of this 2020 special*  
4 *session Act*];

5 (4) The value to the Indian child of establishing, developing or maintaining a political, cultural,  
6 social and spiritual relationship with the Indian child's tribe and tribal community; and

7 (5) The importance to the Indian child of the Indian tribe's ability to maintain the tribe's exist-  
8 ence and integrity in promotion of the stability and security of Indian children and families.

9 **SECTION 50.** Section 10, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
10 read:

11 **Sec. 10.** (1)(a) The Department of Human Services shall make a good faith effort to enter into  
12 a tribal-state agreement with any Indian tribe within the borders of this state.

13 (b) The department may also enter into a tribal-state agreement with any Indian tribe outside  
14 of this state having significant numbers of member children or membership-eligible children residing  
15 in this state.

16 (2) The purposes of a tribal-state agreement are to promote the continued existence and integ-  
17 rity of the Indian tribe as a political entity and to protect the vital interests of Indian children in  
18 securing and maintaining political, cultural and social relationships with their tribe.

19 (3) A tribal-state agreement may include[, *but is not limited to,*] agreements regarding default  
20 jurisdiction over cases in which the state courts and tribal courts have concurrent jurisdiction, the  
21 transfer of cases between state courts and tribal courts, the assessment, removal, placement, [*and*]  
22 custody **and adoption** of Indian children and any other child welfare services provided to Indian  
23 children.

24 (4) A tribal-state agreement must:

25 (a) Provide for the cooperative delivery of child welfare services to Indian children in this state,  
26 including the utilization, to the extent available, of services provided by the tribe or an organization  
27 whose mission is to serve the American Indian or Alaska Native population to implement the terms  
28 of the tribal-state agreement; and

29 (b) If services provided by the tribe or an organization whose mission is to serve the American  
30 Indian or Alaska Native population are unavailable, provide for the department's use of community  
31 services and resources developed specifically for Indian families and that have the demonstrated  
32 experience and capacity to provide culturally relevant and effective services to Indian children.

33 **SECTION 51.** Section 11, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
34 read:

35 **Sec. 11.** Section 10 (3), **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**, [*of this 2020*  
36 *special session Act*] applies to tribal-state agreements entered into or renewed on or after [*the effec-*  
37 *tive date of this 2020 special session Act*] **January 1, 2021.**

38 **SECTION 52.** Section 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
39 read:

40 **Sec. 17.** (1) In any **child custody** proceeding under ORS chapter **109 or 419B** that requires the  
41 testimony of a qualified expert witness, the petitioner shall contact the Indian child's tribe and re-  
42 quest that the tribe identify one or more individuals meeting the criteria described in subsection (3)  
43 or (4) of this section. The petitioner may also request the assistance of the United States Bureau  
44 of Indian Affairs in locating individuals meeting the criteria described in subsection (3) or (4) of this  
45 section. The petitioner shall file a declaration with the court describing the efforts the petitioner

1 made under this subsection to identify a qualified expert witness.

2 (2) At a hearing under ORS **109.326, 109.330**, 419B.340, 419B.365, 419B.366 or 419B.521, [*when*  
3 *there*] **if the court has found that there** is reason to know **that** a child is an Indian child [*and a*  
4 *qualified expert witness is required*], at least one qualified expert witness must testify regarding:

5 (a) Whether the [*Indian child's*] continued custody **of the Indian child** by the [*Indian*] child's  
6 parent or **custody by the child's** Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or phys-  
7 ical damage to the Indian child; and

8 (b) The prevailing social and cultural standards and child rearing practices of the Indian child's  
9 tribe.

10 (3) A person is a qualified expert witness under this section if the Indian child's tribe has des-  
11 igned the person as being qualified to testify to the prevailing social and cultural standards of the  
12 tribe.

13 (4) If the Indian child's tribe has not identified a qualified expert witness, the following indi-  
14 viduals, in order of priority, may testify as a qualified expert witness:

15 (a) A member of the Indian child's tribe or another person [*of the tribe's choice*] who is recog-  
16 nized by the tribe as knowledgeable **about** tribal customs regarding family organization or child  
17 rearing practices;

18 (b) A person having substantial experience in the delivery of child and family services to Indians  
19 and extensive knowledge of prevailing social and cultural standards and child rearing practices  
20 within the Indian child's tribe; or

21 (c) Any person having substantial experience in the delivery of child and family services to In-  
22 dians and knowledge of prevailing social and cultural standards and child rearing practices in Indian  
23 tribes with cultural similarities to the child's tribe.

24 (5) In addition to testimony from a qualified expert witness, the court may hear supplemental  
25 testimony regarding information described in subsection (2) of this section from a professional hav-  
26 ing substantial education and experience in the area of the professional's specialty.

27 (6) No petitioning party, employees of the petitioning party or an employee of the Department  
28 of Human Services may serve as a qualified expert witness or a professional under this section.

29  
30 **JUVENILE DEPENDENCY**

31  
32 **SECTION 53.** ORS 418.312, as amended by section 53, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first spe-  
33 cial session), and sections 16a and 16b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is  
34 amended to read:

35 418.312. (1) The Department of Human Services may not require any parent or legal guardian  
36 to transfer legal custody of a child in order to have the child placed in a child-caring agency under  
37 ORS 418.205 to 418.327, 418.470, 418.475, 418.480 to 418.500, 418.950 to 418.970 and 418.992 to 418.998  
38 in a foster home, group home or institutional child care setting, when the sole reason for the  
39 placement is the need to obtain services for the child's emotional, behavioral or mental disorder or  
40 developmental or physical disability. In all such cases, the child shall be placed pursuant to a vol-  
41 untary placement agreement. When a child is placed pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement,  
42 the department shall have responsibility for the child's placement and care.

43 (2) If a child is placed pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement in a qualified residential  
44 treatment program as described in section 12b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),  
45 the placement is subject to judicial approval under section 14b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first

1 special session).

2 *[(3)(a) If a child is placed pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement and there is reason to*  
 3 *know under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that the child is an Indian*  
 4 *child, the placement and voluntary placement agreement must be approved by the juvenile court.]*

5 **(3)(a) When a child is placed pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement, the depart-**  
 6 **ment shall make inquiries, as described in section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
 7 **special session), to determine whether the department has reason to know that the child is**  
 8 **an Indian child.**

9 **(b) If the department has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the placement**  
 10 **agreement must be executed in person before the juvenile court, consistent with this sub-**  
 11 **section, and the placement must be approved by the court.**

12 **(c) At a hearing, the juvenile court shall explain to the Indian child's parent or Indian**  
 13 **custodian, on the record in detail and in the language of the parent or Indian custodian, the**  
 14 **parent's right to legal counsel, the terms and consequences of the voluntary placement**  
 15 **agreement, including that if the Indian child remains in custody for more than 12 months,**  
 16 **the court will hold a permanency hearing that could eventually result in the termination of**  
 17 **parental rights, and the court must inform the parent or Indian custodian that the voluntary**  
 18 **placement agreement may be revoked at any time prior to an entry of a final decree of ter-**  
 19 **mination of parental rights and have the child returned to the parent's custody. The parent**  
 20 **or Indian custodian must execute the voluntary placement agreement before the court. The**  
 21 **parent or Indian custodian shall file the voluntary placement agreement with the court. The**  
 22 **court shall certify that the court provided the explanation consistent with the requirements**  
 23 **under this paragraph and that the parent or Indian custodian fully understood the explana-**  
 24 **tion.**

25 *[(b)] (d) The juvenile court may approve the voluntary placement agreement if:*

26 *(A) The court finds that the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian entered into the voluntary*  
 27 *placement agreement without a threat of removal by the Department of Human Services or an*  
 28 *Oregon licensed adoption agency; and*

29 *(B) The proposed placement conforms with the placement preferences described in section 23,*  
 30 *chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)[;].*

31 *[(C) The agreement is executed in writing and filed with the court;]*

32 *[(D) The court has explained to the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian the terms and con-*  
 33 *sequences of the agreement, including that if the Indian child remains in custody for more than 12*  
 34 *months, the juvenile court will hold a permanency hearing which could eventually result in the termi-*  
 35 *nation of parental rights, and that the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian may withdraw consent*  
 36 *to the agreement at any time prior to an entry of a final decree of termination of parental rights and*  
 37 *have the child returned to the parent's custody; and]*

38 *[(E) The juvenile court certifies that the explanation required under paragraph (b)(D) of this sub-*  
 39 *section was provided in English or, if English is not the primary language of the Indian child's parent*  
 40 *or Indian custodian, in the primary language of the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian, and that*  
 41 *the explanation was fully understood by the parent or Indian custodian.]*

42 *[(c)] (e) An Indian child's parent or Indian custodian may terminate the voluntary placement*  
 43 *agreement at any time prior to an entry of an order terminating parental rights. To terminate the*  
 44 *voluntary placement agreement, the parent or Indian custodian must file a written notice of termi-*  
 45 *nation with the juvenile court or otherwise testify before the court. The court shall promptly notify*

1 the department of the termination and order the immediate return of the Indian child to the physical  
2 custody of the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian.

3 (4)(a) If a child remains in voluntary placement for more than 180 days, the juvenile court shall  
4 make a judicial determination, within the first 180 days of the placement, that the placement is in  
5 the best interests of the child.

6 (b) If a child remains in voluntary placement for more than 12 months, the juvenile court shall  
7 hold a permanency hearing as provided in ORS 419B.476 no later than 14 months after the child's  
8 original voluntary placement, and not less frequently than once every 12 months thereafter during  
9 the continuation of the child's original voluntary placement, to determine the future status of the  
10 child.

11 (5) As used in this section, "voluntary placement agreement" means a binding, written agree-  
12 ment between the department and the parent or legal guardian of a minor child that does not  
13 transfer legal custody to the department but that specifies, at a minimum, the legal status of the  
14 child and the rights and obligations of the parent or legal guardian, the child and the department  
15 while the child is in placement.

16 **SECTION 53a.** ORS 419A.116, as amended by section 52, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
17 special session), is amended to read:

18 419A.116. (1) After reviewing each case, the local citizen review board shall make written  
19 findings and recommendations with respect to:

20 (a) Whether reasonable efforts were made prior to the placement, to prevent or eliminate the  
21 need for removal of the child or ward from the home;

22 (b) If the case plan at the time of the review is to reunify the family, whether the Department  
23 of Human Services has made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child or ward to safely  
24 return home and whether the parent has made sufficient progress to make it possible for the child  
25 or ward to safely return home;

26 (c) If the case plan at the time of the review is something other than to reunify the family,  
27 whether the department has made reasonable efforts to place the child or ward in a timely manner  
28 in accordance with the case plan, including, if appropriate, placement of the child or ward through  
29 an interstate placement, and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent placement  
30 of the child or ward;

31 (d) The continuing need for and appropriateness of the placement;

32 (e) Compliance with the case plan;

33 (f) The progress which has been made toward alleviating the need for placement;

34 (g) A likely date by which the child or ward may be returned home or placed for adoption;

35 (h) Other problems, solutions or alternatives the board determines should be explored;

36 (i) Whether the court should appoint an attorney or other person as special advocate to repre-  
37 sent or appear on behalf of the child or ward under ORS 419B.195;

38 (j) For a ward 16 years of age or older with a permanency plan of another planned permanent  
39 living arrangement, the steps the department is taking to ensure that:

40 (A) The ward's substitute care provider is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard;  
41 and

42 (B) The ward has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age-appropriate or developmentally  
43 appropriate activities, including consultation with the ward in an age-appropriate manner about the  
44 opportunities the ward has to participate in the activities;

45 (k) Whether there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020

1 (first special session), that the child or ward is an Indian child; and

2 (L) If there is reason to know the child or ward is an Indian child:

3 (A) Whether the department made active efforts, as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon  
4 Laws 2020 (first special session), to prevent the breakup of the Indian family prior to the child's  
5 removal [*and whether those efforts did not eliminate the necessity for removal based on serious emo-*  
6 *tional or physical damage to the child*];

7 (B) If the case plan at the time of the review is to reunify the family, whether the department  
8 has provided active efforts to make it possible for the child to safely return home[, *whether active*  
9 *efforts have eliminated the necessity for continued removal based on serious emotional or physical*  
10 *damage to the child*] and whether the parent has made sufficient progress to make it possible for the  
11 child to return home;

12 (C) If the case plan at the time of review is to reunify the family and the child or ward is placed  
13 in a home outside the placement preferences described in section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
14 (first special session), whether the department has continued to maintain the relationship of the  
15 child or ward with potential adoption preferences or whether the department has continued to  
16 search for a permanent placement that satisfies the placement preferences described in section 23,  
17 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and

18 (D) If the case plan at the time of the review is something other than to reunify the family,  
19 whether the department has made active efforts to place the child in a timely manner in accordance  
20 with the placement preferences under section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
21 sion).

22 (2) The local citizen review board may, if the case plan has changed during the period since the  
23 last review by a local citizen review board or court hearing, make written findings and recommen-  
24 dations with respect to:

25 (a) Whether the Department of Human Services has made reasonable efforts or, if [*there is rea-*  
26 *son to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that*] the  
27 child is an Indian child, active efforts to make it possible for the child or ward to safely return home  
28 and whether the parent has made sufficient progress to make it possible for the child or ward to  
29 safely return home, if a plan to reunify the family was in effect for any part of the period since the  
30 last review or hearing; or

31 (b) Whether the department has made reasonable efforts to place the child or ward in a timely  
32 manner in accordance with the case plan, including, if appropriate, placement of the child or ward  
33 through an interstate placement, and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent  
34 placement of the child or ward, if a case plan other than to reunify the family was in effect for any  
35 part of the period since the last review or hearing.

36 (3) In determining whether the Department of Human Services has made reasonable efforts or,  
37 if [*there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special*  
38 *session), that*] the child is an Indian child, active efforts to make it possible for the child or ward  
39 to safely return home, the local citizen review board shall consider the child or ward's health and  
40 safety the paramount concerns.

41 (4) No later than 10 days after receiving the findings and recommendations of the local citizen  
42 review board, a party adversely affected by the findings and recommendations may request judicial  
43 review.

44 **SECTION 54.** ORS 419B.150, as amended by section 29, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
45 special session), is amended to read:

1 419B.150. (1) As used in this section:

2 (a) "Abuse" has the meaning given that term in ORS 419B.005.

3 (b) "Reasonable cause" means a subjectively and objectively reasonable belief, given all of the  
4 circumstances and based on specific and articulable facts.

5 (c) "Severe harm" means:

6 (A) Life-threatening damage; or

7 (B) Significant or acute injury to a person's physical, sexual or psychological functioning.

8 (2) The following persons are authorized to take a child into protective custody under this sec-  
9 tion:

10 (a) A peace officer, as defined in ORS 420.905;

11 (b) A counselor; or

12 (c) An employee of the Department of Human Services.

13 (3)(a) Prior to taking a child into protective custody under this section, the person taking the  
14 child into protective custody shall **conduct the inquiry described in section 15, chapter 14,**  
15 **Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),** to determine whether [*there is*] **the person has** reason  
16 to know **that** the child is an Indian child[, *as provided in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020*  
17 (*first special session*)].

18 (b) If [*there is*] **the person has** reason to know **that** the child is an Indian child, the **person**  
19 **taking the child into protective custody shall provide the** emergency notification [*requirements*  
20 *of*] **under** section 16 (1), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), [*must be met prior to*]  
21 **before** taking the child into protective custody.

22 (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a child may be taken into protec-  
23 tive custody without a court order only when there is reasonable cause to believe that:

24 (A) There is an imminent threat of severe harm to the child;

25 (B) The child poses an imminent threat of severe harm to self or others; or

26 (C) There is an imminent threat that the child's parent or guardian will cause the child to be  
27 beyond the reach of the juvenile court before the court can order that the child be taken into pro-  
28 tective custody under subsection (7) of this section.

29 (b) If [*there is*] **the person has** reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the child may  
30 be taken into protective custody without a court order only when it is necessary to prevent immi-  
31 nent physical damage or harm to the child.

32 (5) A person authorized to take a child into protective custody shall apply for a protective cus-  
33 tody order, as described in subsection (7) of this section, by submitting a declaration based on in-  
34 formation and belief that sets forth with particularity:

35 (a) Why protective custody is necessary and the least restrictive means available to:

36 (A) Protect the child from abuse;

37 (B) Prevent the child from inflicting harm on self or others;

38 (C) Ensure that the child remains within the reach of the juvenile court to protect the child  
39 from abuse or to prevent the child from inflicting harm on self or others; or

40 (D) If the department [*knows or*] has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, prevent  
41 imminent physical damage or harm to the child.

42 (b) Why protective custody is in the best interests of the child.

43 (6)(a) The applicant under subsection (5) of this section shall deliver the declaration described  
44 in subsection (5) of this section to the juvenile court.

45 (b) At the applicant's request, instead of the declaration described in subsection (5) of this sec-

tion, the judge may take an oral statement under oath. If the applicant makes the oral statement to the judge out of court, the applicant shall record the oral statement and retain a copy of the recording. The recording constitutes a declaration for the purposes of subsection (5) of this section.

(7) The juvenile court may order that a child be taken into protective custody if, after reviewing the declaration described in subsection (5) of this section, the court *[determines that]*:

(a) **Determines that the person complied with the inquiry requirements under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

(b) **Makes a finding, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child;**

(c) **If the court finds that there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child, determines that the person complied with the notice requirements under section 16 (1), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

*[(a)]* (d) **Determines that** protective custody is necessary and the least restrictive means available to:

(A) Protect the child from abuse;

(B) Prevent the child from inflicting harm on self or others;

(C) Ensure that the child remains within the reach of the juvenile court to protect the child from abuse or prevent the child from inflicting harm on self or others;

(D) Ensure the safety of a child who has run away from home; or

(E) If the *[department knows or has]* **court finds that there is** reason to know that the child is an Indian child, prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the child; and

*[(b)]* (e) **Determines that** protective custody is in the best interests of the child.

(8) When the court issues a protective custody order under subsection (7) of this section, the court may transmit the signed order to the applicant by a form of electronic communication approved by the court that delivers a complete printable image of the signed order. The court shall file the original order in the court record.

**SECTION 55.** ORS 419B.171, as amended by section 30, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to read:

419B.171. (1) Except where the child is taken into protective custody pursuant to an order of the court, the person taking the child into protective custody shall promptly file with the court or a counselor a brief written report stating all of the following:

(a) The child's name, age and address.

(b) The name and address of the person having legal or physical custody of the child.

(c) Efforts to notify the person having legal or physical custody of the child and the results of those efforts.

(d) Reasons for and circumstances under which the child was taken into protective custody.

(e) If the child is not taken to court, the placement of the child.

(f) If the child was not released, the reason why the child was not released.

(g) If the child is not taken to court, why the type of placement was chosen.

(h) **A declaration under penalty of perjury and documentation of the person's** efforts to determine whether *[there is]* **the person has** reason to know that the child is an Indian child*[, as required under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),]* and the results of those efforts.

(2) If *[there is]* **the person has** reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the report under

1 subsection (1) of this section must also include:

2 (a) The name and address of the Indian child's parents and, if any, Indian custodian;

3 (b) Confirmation that notification about the emergency proceeding [*under section 16 (1), chapter*  
4 *14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),*] has been provided **as required under section 16 (1),**  
5 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

6 (c) If the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian is unknown, a detailed [*explanation*] **de-**  
7 **scription and documentation** of [*what efforts have been*] **the efforts the person has** made to lo-  
8 cate and contact the parent or Indian custodian, including contact with the appropriate United  
9 States Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director;

10 (d) The tribal affiliation of the Indian child and the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian;

11 (e) The residence and the domicile of the Indian child;

12 (f) If either the residence or the domicile of the Indian child is believed to be on a reservation  
13 or in an Alaska Native village, the name of the tribe affiliated with that reservation or village;

14 (g) A specific and detailed account of the circumstances that led the person responsible for the  
15 emergency removal of the Indian child to determine that removal of the Indian child was necessary  
16 to prevent imminent physical damage or harm and to remove the Indian child;

17 (h) If the Indian child is believed to reside or **to** be domiciled on a reservation, a statement  
18 describing the efforts that were made and are being made to contact the tribe and transfer the In-  
19 dian child to the tribe's jurisdiction; and

20 (i) A statement of the efforts that have been [*taken*] **made** to assist the Indian child's parent or  
21 Indian custodian so that the Indian child may remain in or safely be returned to the custody of the  
22 Indian child's parent or Indian custodian.

23 **SECTION 56.** ORS 419B.185, as amended by section 31, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
24 special session), is amended to read:

25 419B.185. (1) When a child or ward is taken, or is about to be taken, into protective custody  
26 pursuant to ORS 419B.150, 419B.152, 419B.160, 419B.165, 419B.168 or 419B.171 and placed in shelter  
27 care, a parent, child or ward shall be given the opportunity to present evidence to the court at the  
28 hearings specified in ORS 419B.183, and at any subsequent review hearing, that the child or ward  
29 can be returned home without further danger of suffering physical injury or emotional harm, en-  
30 dangering or harming others, or not remaining within the reach of the court process prior to adju-  
31 dication. [*At the hearing:*]

32 **(2) When the court conducts a hearing described in subsection (1) of this section, unless**  
33 **the court has previously found that the child is an Indian child, before the court may enter**  
34 **an order taking a child or ward into protective custody the court shall inquire and make a**  
35 **finding, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
36 **special session), regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

37 [*(a) The court shall make written findings as to:*]

38 [*(A) Whether there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020*  
39 *(first special session), that the child or ward is an Indian child; and]*

40 [*(B) Whether the Department of Human Services has made reasonable efforts or, if there is reason*  
41 *to know as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), the child or*  
42 *ward is an Indian child, active efforts pursuant to section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first*  
43 *special session),]*

44 **(3)(a) At a hearing described in subsection (1) of this section, the court shall make writ-**  
45 **ten findings as to whether the Department of Human Services has made reasonable efforts**



1 **or, if the child is an Indian child, active efforts** to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of  
 2 the child or ward from the home and to make it possible for the child or ward to safely return home.  
 3 When the court finds that no services were provided but that reasonable services would not have  
 4 eliminated the need for protective custody, the court shall consider the department to have made  
 5 reasonable efforts or, if *[there is reason to know that]* the child or ward is an Indian child, active  
 6 efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for protective custody. The court shall include in the written  
 7 findings a brief description of the preventive and reunification efforts made by the department.

8 (b) In determining whether a child or ward shall be removed or continued out of home, the court  
 9 shall consider whether the provision of reasonable services can prevent or eliminate the need to  
 10 separate the family.

11 (c) In determining whether the department has made reasonable efforts or, if *[there is reason to*  
 12 *know]* the child or ward is an Indian child, active efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for re-  
 13 moval of the child or ward from the home and to make it possible for the child or ward to safely  
 14 return home, the court shall consider the child or ward's health and safety the paramount concerns.

15 *[(d) The court shall determine whether the child or ward is an Indian child.]*

16 *[(e)] (d)* The court shall make a written finding in every order of removal that describes:

17 (A) Why it is in the best interests of the child or ward that the child or ward be removed from  
 18 the home or continued in care; and

19 (B) If *[the court determines under paragraph (d) of this subsection that]* the child or ward is an  
 20 Indian child, why the Indian child's removal or continuation in care is necessary to prevent immi-  
 21 nent physical damage or harm to the Indian child.

22 *[(f)] (e)* When the court determines that a child or ward shall be removed from the home or  
 23 continued in care, the court shall make written findings whether the department made diligent ef-  
 24 forts pursuant to ORS 419B.192. The court shall include in its written findings a brief description  
 25 of the efforts made by the department.

26 *[(g)] (f)* The court may receive testimony, reports and other evidence without regard to whether  
 27 the evidence is admissible under ORS 40.010 to 40.210 and 40.310 to 40.585 if the evidence is relevant  
 28 to the determinations and findings required under this section. As used in this paragraph, "relevant  
 29 evidence" has the meaning given that term in ORS 40.150.

30 *[(2)] (4)* To aid the court in making the written findings required by subsection *[(1)(a), (e) or*  
 31 *(f)] (3)* of this section, the department shall present written documentation to the court outlining:

32 (a) The efforts made to prevent taking the child or ward into protective custody and to provide  
 33 services to make it possible for the child or ward to safely return home;

34 (b) The efforts the department made pursuant to ORS 419B.192;

35 (c) Why protective custody is in the best interests of the child or ward; and

36 (d) If *[there is reason to know]* the child or ward is an Indian child, why protective custody is  
 37 necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child.

38 *[(3)(a) The court may not enter an order taking a child or ward into protective custody under this*  
 39 *section unless the department provides documentation that the department has made inquiries as re-*  
 40 *quired under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to determine whether*  
 41 *there is reason to know the child or ward is an Indian child.]*

42 *[(b) If there is reason to know that the child or ward is an Indian child, the court may not enter*  
 43 *an order taking the child or ward into protective custody unless after holding a hearing the court finds*  
 44 *in writing:]*

45 *[(A) That the department has complied with the notice requirements under section 16, chapter 14,*

1 *Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);*]

2 **(5)(a)(A) The court may not enter an order taking a child or ward into protective custody**  
3 **under this section unless, after review of documentation provided by the department, the**  
4 **court makes written findings that the department satisfied the inquiry requirements under**  
5 **section 15 (1), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and, if applicable, the**  
6 **notice requirements under section 16 (1), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

7 **(B) If the court finds, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon**  
8 **Laws 2020 (first special session), that there is reason to know that the child is an Indian**  
9 **child, the court shall order that the child or ward is to be treated as an Indian child.**

10 **(b) The court may not enter an order taking an Indian child into protective custody un-**  
11 **less after holding a hearing the court finds in writing:**

12 *[(B)]* **(A)** That removal of the child or ward is in the best interest, as described in section 5,  
13 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), of the child or ward; and

14 *[(C)]* **(B)** That a preponderance of the evidence indicates that protective custody is necessary  
15 to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the child.

16 **(c)(A)** If *[there is reason to know]* the child or ward is an Indian child and the court enters a  
17 protective custody order under this section, the order must direct the department to immediately  
18 notify the court if new information indicates that the emergency necessitating the protective custody  
19 of the Indian child has changed.

20 **(B)** Whenever the court receives notice from the department that the emergency necessitating  
21 the protective custody of the Indian child has changed, the court shall promptly hold a hearing un-  
22 der this section to determine whether protective custody continues to be necessary.

23 **(C)** The court shall immediately terminate the protective custody of an Indian child if the court  
24 determines that protective custody is no longer necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or  
25 harm to the Indian child.

26 **(d)** If *[there is reason to know]* the child or ward is an Indian child, a protective order under this  
27 section may not be continued for more than 30 days unless the court:

28 **(A)** Has set the case for a hearing on the petition *[asserting dependency jurisdiction]* **alleging**  
29 **jurisdiction under ORS 419B.100 (1);**

30 **(B)** Determines that restoring the Indian child to the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian  
31 would subject the Indian child to imminent physical damage or harm;

32 **(C)** Despite diligent efforts, has been unable to transfer the proceeding to the jurisdiction of the  
33 Indian child's tribe; or

34 **(D)** Has been unable to set the case for a hearing on the petition showing the child or ward to  
35 be within the court's jurisdiction under ORS 419B.100 for a reason other than scheduling or avail-  
36 ability of counsel and the reason has been documented in writing on the record.

37 **(6) As used in this section, "active efforts" has the meaning described in section 18,**  
38 **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

39 **SECTION 57.** ORS 419B.305, as amended by section 34, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
40 special session), is amended to read:

41 419B.305. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no later than 60 days after a petition  
42 alleging that a child is within the jurisdiction of the court under ORS 419B.100 has been filed, the  
43 court shall hold a hearing on the petition and enter an order under ORS 419B.325 (1). Upon written  
44 order supported by factual findings of good cause, the court may continue a petition beyond 60 days.

45 **(2) At the commencement of the hearing, unless the court has entered an order finding**

1 **that the child is an Indian child, the court shall inquire and make a finding, subject to the**  
 2 **procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), re-**  
 3 **garding whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child.**

4 [(2)(a)] (3)(a) If [there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
 5 (first special session), that] the child is an Indian child and if the court found under ORS 419B.185  
 6 [(3)(b)(C)] (5)(b)(B) that protective custody is necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or  
 7 harm to the child, no later than 30 days after the petition is filed, the court shall hold the hearing  
 8 and enter the order described in subsection (1) of this section, unless:

9 (A) The child has been returned to the child's parent or Indian custodian;

10 (B) The court orders the child to be returned to the child's parent or Indian custodian;

11 (C) The court continues the protective order regarding the child for more than 30 days as pro-  
 12 vided in ORS 419B.185 [(3)(d)] (5)(d); or

13 (D) The court grants the child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe an extension of time to prepare  
 14 for participation in the hearing [under] **as provided in** section 16 (5), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
 15 (first special session).

16 (b) The court may not schedule a hearing on the petition, or enter an order on the petition,  
 17 unless the inquiry and notice requirements [of] **under** sections 15 (2) and 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon  
 18 Laws 2020 (first special session), and all relevant timelines have been followed.

19 [(3)] (4) No later than 30 days after a petition alleging jurisdiction under ORS 419B.100 is filed,  
 20 all parties shall comply with ORS 419B.881.

21 [(4)] (5) When a person denies allegations in the petition, the court shall set the case for a  
 22 hearing within the time limits prescribed by subsection (1) of this section. Upon written order sup-  
 23 ported by factual findings of good cause, the court may continue the hearing beyond the 60-day time  
 24 limit.

25 [(5)] (6) Upon expiration of any continuance granted by this section, the court shall give a pe-  
 26 tition filed under ORS 419B.100 that is beyond the time limit imposed by subsection (1) of this sec-  
 27 tion the highest priority on the court docket.

28 **NOTE:** Section 58 was deleted. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

29 **SECTION 59.** ORS 419B.328 is amended to read:

30 419B.328. (1) The court shall make a child found to be within the jurisdiction of the court as  
 31 provided in ORS 419B.100 a ward of the court.

32 (2) The court's wardship continues, and the ward is subject to the court's jurisdiction, until one  
 33 of the following occurs:

34 (a) The court dismisses the petition concerning the ward;

35 (b) The court transfers jurisdiction over the ward as provided in ORS 419B.127, 419B.130 [and]  
 36 **or 419B.132 or section 14, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

37 (c) The court enters an order terminating the wardship;

38 (d) A judgment of adoption of the ward is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

39 (e) The ward becomes 21 years of age.

40 **SECTION 60.** ORS 419B.365, as amended by section 43, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
 41 special session), is amended to read:

42 419B.365. (1) At any time following establishment of jurisdiction and wardship under ORS  
 43 419B.100, but prior to filing of a petition under ORS 419B.500, or after dismissal of a petition filed  
 44 under ORS 419B.500 if it fails to result in termination of the parent's rights, a party, or person  
 45 granted rights of limited participation for the purpose of filing a guardianship petition, may file, and

1 the court may hear, a petition for permanent guardianship. If the Department of Human Services  
 2 chooses not to participate in a proceeding initiated by an intervenor under ORS 419B.875, the state  
 3 is not foreclosed from filing a subsequent action should the intervenor's petition be denied.

4 (2) The grounds for granting a permanent guardianship are the same as those for termination  
 5 of parental rights.

6 **(3) Upon the filing of a motion to establish guardianship under this section, the court**  
 7 **shall make a finding, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
 8 **2020 (first special session), regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an**  
 9 **Indian child.**

10 [(3)] (4) The court shall grant a permanent guardianship if it finds by clear and convincing evi-  
 11 dence that:

12 (a) The grounds cited in the petition are true; and

13 (b) It is in the best interest of the ward that the parent never have physical custody of the ward  
 14 but that other parental rights and duties should not be terminated.

15 [(4)(a)] (5)(a) Notwithstanding subsection [(3)] (4) of this section, [*if an Indian child is*  
 16 *involved,*] the court may grant the permanent guardianship of [*the*] **an** Indian child only:

17 (A) If the court has offered the parties the opportunity to participate in mediation as required  
 18 under ORS 419B.517;

19 (B) If requested by the tribe, an agreement is in place that requires the proposed guardian to  
 20 maintain connection between the Indian child and the Indian child's tribe; and

21 (C) If after inquiry as required under section 15 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
 22 session), and notice as required under section 16 (2), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
 23 session), and in addition to any other findings required for the termination of parental rights under  
 24 ORS 419B.500 to 419B.524, the court finds:

25 (i) That evidence, including the testimony of one or more qualified expert witnesses under sec-  
 26 tion 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), establishes beyond a reasonable doubt  
 27 that the [*Indian child's*] continued custody **of the Indian child** by the child's parent or custody by  
 28 the child's Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian  
 29 child;

30 (ii) That active efforts under section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to  
 31 reunite the Indian family did not eliminate the necessity for permanent guardianship based on seri-  
 32 ous emotional or physical damage to the Indian child; and

33 (iii) That the placement of the Indian child complies with the placement preferences described  
 34 in section 23 (1), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

35 (b) The evidence under paragraph (a) of this subsection must show a causal relationship between  
 36 the particular conditions in the Indian child's home and the likelihood that custody or continued  
 37 custody of the Indian child will result in serious emotional or physical damage to the particular  
 38 Indian child who is the subject of the child custody proceeding, **as defined in section 2, chapter**  
 39 **14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**. Evidence that shows the existence of community or  
 40 family poverty, isolation, single parenthood, custodian age, crowded or inadequate housing, sub-  
 41 stance abuse or nonconforming social behavior does not, by itself, establish a causal relationship  
 42 as required by this paragraph.

43 (c) As used in this subsection, "custody" and "continued custody" have the meanings described  
 44 in section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

45 [(5)] (6) Unless vacated under ORS 419B.368, a guardianship established under this section con-

1 continues as long as the ward is subject to the court's jurisdiction as provided in ORS 419B.328.

2 **SECTION 61.** ORS 419B.366, as amended by section 44, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
3 special session), is amended to read:

4 419B.366. (1) A party, or a person granted rights of limited participation for the purpose of filing  
5 a guardianship motion, may file a motion to establish a guardianship. The motion must be in writing  
6 and state with particularity the factual and legal grounds for the motion.

7 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, the facts supporting any find-  
8 ing made or relief granted under this section must be established by a preponderance of evidence.

9 **(3) Upon the filing of a motion to establish guardianship under this section, the court**  
10 **shall make a finding, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws**  
11 **2020 (first special session), regarding whether there is reason to know that the child is an**  
12 **Indian child.**

13 [(3)(a)] **(4)(a)** *[If there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020*  
14 *(first special session), an Indian child is involved,]* The court may grant the guardianship of [*the*] **an**  
15 Indian child only:

16 (A) If the court has offered the parties the opportunity to participate in mediation as required  
17 under ORS 419B.517;

18 (B) If requested by the tribe, an agreement is in place that requires the proposed guardian to  
19 maintain connection between the Indian child and the Indian child's tribe; and

20 (C) If after inquiry as required under section 15 **(2)**, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
21 session), and notice as required under section 16 **(2)**, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
22 session), the court [*finds*]:

23 (i) **Finds, by** clear and convincing evidence, including the testimony of one or more qualified  
24 expert witnesses under section 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that the  
25 [*Indian child's*] continued custody **of the Indian child** by the child's parent or custody by the child's  
26 Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child;

27 (ii) **Finds** that active efforts under section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
28 sion), to reunite the Indian family did not eliminate the necessity for guardianship based on serious  
29 emotional or physical damage to the Indian child; and

30 (iii) **Finds** that the placement of the Indian child complies with the placement preferences as  
31 described in section 23 **(1)**, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), **or, if not, upon**  
32 **the moving party's motion under section 23 (3), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special**  
33 **session), the court finds by clear and convincing evidence, that there is good cause to depart**  
34 **from the placement preferences.**

35 (b) The evidence under paragraph (a) of this subsection must show a causal relationship between  
36 the particular conditions in the Indian child's home and the likelihood that custody or continued  
37 custody of the Indian child will result in serious emotional or physical damage to the particular  
38 Indian child who is the subject of the child custody proceeding, **as defined in section 2, chapter**  
39 **14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).** Evidence that shows the existence of community or  
40 family poverty, isolation, single parenthood, custodian age, crowded or inadequate housing, sub-  
41 stance abuse or nonconforming social behavior does not, by itself, establish a causal relationship  
42 as required by this paragraph.

43 (c) As used in this subsection, "custody" and "continued custody" have the meanings described  
44 in section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

45 (4) In a proceeding under this section, the court may receive testimony and reports as provided

1 in ORS 419B.325.

2 (5) If the court has approved a plan of guardianship under ORS 419B.476, the court may grant  
3 the motion for guardianship if the court determines, after a hearing, that:

4 (a) The ward cannot safely return to a parent within a reasonable time;

5 (b) Adoption is not an appropriate plan for the ward;

6 (c) The proposed guardian is suitable to meet the needs of the ward and is willing to accept the  
7 duties and authority of a guardian; and

8 (d) Guardianship is in the ward's best interests. In determining whether guardianship is in the  
9 ward's best interests, the court shall consider the ward's wishes.

10 (6) Unless vacated pursuant to ORS 419B.368, a guardianship established under this section  
11 continues as long as the ward is subject to the court's jurisdiction as provided in ORS 419B.328.

12 **SECTION 62.** ORS 419B.500, as amended by section 48, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
13 special session), is amended to read:

14 419B.500. (1) The parental rights of the parents of a ward may be terminated as provided in this  
15 section and ORS 419B.502 to 419B.524, only upon a petition filed by the state or the ward for the  
16 purpose of freeing the ward for adoption if the court finds it is in the best *[interest]* **interests** of the  
17 ward *[or]* **and**, if *[there is reason to know as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020*  
18 *(first special session), that]* the ward is an Indian child, that **the parents'** continued custody of the  
19 *[ward]* **Indian child, as described in section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special**  
20 **session)**, is likely to result in serious emotional or physical harm to the ward. The rights of one  
21 parent may be terminated without affecting the rights of the other parent.

22 **(2) Upon the filing of a petition to terminate parental rights, the court shall make a**  
23 **finding, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
24 **special session), regarding whether there is reason to know that the ward is an Indian child.**

25 **SECTION 63.** ORS 419B.517, as amended by section 39, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
26 special session), is amended to read:

27 419B.517. (1) The use of mediation shall be encouraged in cases involving:

28 (a) A parent or guardian in a juvenile dependency proceeding in which the child is taken into  
29 protective custody or placed in substitute care; or

30 (b) The termination of parental rights.

31 (2) If *[there is reason to know that]* the child or ward is an Indian child, prior to hearing a pe-  
32 tition for guardianship under ORS 419B.365 or 419B.366, or termination of parental rights under ORS  
33 419B.500, the court shall offer to order mediation **through the Department of Human Services,**  
34 **or, if there is mutual party agreement to private mediation and party assumption of costs,**  
35 **through other mediation services** between the Indian child's **parents, the Indian child's** tribe  
36 and the proposed guardian or, if the hearing is for the termination of parental rights, the proposed  
37 adoptive placement.

38 **SECTION 64.** ORS 419B.521, as amended by section 49, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
39 special session), is amended to read:

40 419B.521. (1) The court shall hold a hearing on the question of terminating the rights of the  
41 parent or parents. The court may not hold the hearing any earlier than 10 days after service or final  
42 publication of the summons. The facts on the basis of which the rights of the parents are terminated,  
43 unless admitted, must be established by clear and convincing evidence and a stenographic or other  
44 report authorized by ORS 8.340 shall be taken of the hearing.

45 (2) Not earlier than provided in subsection (1) of this section and not later than six months from

1 the date on which summons for the petition to terminate parental rights is served, the court before  
2 which the petition is pending shall hold a hearing on the petition except for good cause shown.  
3 When determining whether or not to grant a continuance for good cause, the judge shall take into  
4 consideration the age of the child or ward and the potential adverse effect delay may have on the  
5 child or ward. The court shall make written findings when granting a continuance.

6 (3) The court, on its own motion or upon the motion of a party, may take testimony from any  
7 child appearing as a witness and may exclude the child's parents and other persons if the court finds  
8 such action would be likely to be in the best interests of the child. However, the court may not  
9 exclude the attorney for each party and any testimony taken under this subsection shall be re-  
10 corded.

11 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, *[if an Indian child is involved,]* **the** termi-  
12 nation of parental rights **to an Indian child** must be supported by *[competent]* evidence beyond a  
13 reasonable doubt, including testimony of qualified expert witnesses, that continued custody of the  
14 **Indian child by the child's parents** is likely to result in serious emotional or physical *[harm]*  
15 **damage** to the child.

16 (b) The court may not enter an order terminating parental rights **to an Indian child** unless:

17 (A) The court has offered the parties the opportunity to participate in mediation as required  
18 under ORS 419B.517;

19 (B) If requested by the tribe, **and if the Department of Human Services has identified a**  
20 **proposed adoptive placement**, an agreement is in place that requires the *[Department of Human*  
21 *Services]* **proposed adoptive placement** to maintain connection between the Indian child and the  
22 Indian child's tribe; and

23 (C) After inquiry as required under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
24 sion), and notice as required under section 16, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),  
25 and in addition to any other findings required under ORS 419B.500 to 419B.524, the court deter-  
26 mines:

27 (i) That evidence, including the testimony of one or more qualified expert witnesses under sec-  
28 tion 17, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), establishes beyond a reasonable doubt  
29 that the *[Indian child's]* continued custody **of the Indian child** by the child's parent or custody by  
30 the child's Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian  
31 child; and

32 (ii) That active efforts under section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), to  
33 reunite the Indian family did not eliminate the necessity for termination based on serious emotional  
34 or physical damage to the Indian child.

35 (c) The evidence under this *[section]* **subsection** must show a causal relationship between the  
36 particular conditions in the Indian child's home and the likelihood that *[custody or]* continued cus-  
37 tody of the Indian child **by the child's parents** will result in serious emotional or physical damage  
38 to the particular Indian child who is the subject of the child custody proceeding, **as defined in**  
39 **section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**. Evidence that shows the exist-  
40 ence of community or family poverty, isolation, single parenthood, custodian age, crowded or inad-  
41 equate housing, substance abuse or nonconforming social behavior does not, by itself, establish a  
42 causal relationship as required by this paragraph.

43 (d) As used in this subsection, "custody" and "continued custody" have the meanings described  
44 in section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

45

TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTION

**SECTION 65.** Section 65a of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 419B.

**SECTION 65a.** (1) As used in this section, “tribal customary adoption” means the adoption of an Indian child, by and through the tribal custom, traditions or law of the child’s tribe, and which may be effected without the termination of parental rights.

(2) If the juvenile court determines that tribal customary adoption is in the best interests, as described in section 5, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), of a ward who is an Indian child and the child’s tribe consents to the tribal customary adoption:

(a) The Department of Human Services shall provide the Indian child’s tribe and proposed tribal customary adoptive parents with a written report on the Indian child, including, to the extent not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, the medical background, if known, of the child’s parents, and the child’s educational information, developmental history and medical background, including all known diagnostic information, current medical reports and any psychological evaluations.

(b) The court shall accept a tribal customary adoptive home study conducted by the Indian child’s tribe if the home study:

(A) Includes federal criminal background checks, including reports of child abuse, that meet the standards applicable under the laws of this state for all other proposed adoptive placements;

(B) Uses the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian child’s tribe as the standards for evaluation of the proposed adoptive placement;

(C) Includes an evaluation of the background, safety and health information of the proposed adoptive placement, including the biological, psychological and social factors of the proposed adoptive placement and assessment of the commitment, capability and suitability of the proposed adoptive placement to meet the Indian child’s needs; and

(D) Except where the proposed adoptive placement is the Indian child’s current foster care placement, is completed prior to the placement of the Indian child in the proposed adoptive placement.

(c)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the court may not accept the tribe’s order or judgment of tribal customary adoption if any adult living in the proposed adoptive placement has a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, spousal abuse, crimes against a child, including child pornography, or a crime involving violence.

(B) As used in this paragraph, “crime involving violence” has the meaning described by the Department of Human Services by rule, which must include rape, sexual assault or homicide, but may not include other physical assault or battery.

(3)(a) The juvenile court shall accept an order or judgment for tribal customary adoption that is filed by the Indian child’s tribe if:

(A) The court determines that tribal customary adoption is an appropriate permanent placement option for the Indian child;

(B) The court finds that the tribal customary adoption is in the Indian child’s best interests, as described in section 5, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and

(C) The order or judgment:

(i) Includes a description of the modification of the legal relationship of the Indian child’s



1 parents or Indian custodian and the child, including contact, if any, between the child and  
2 the parents or Indian custodian, responsibilities of the parents or Indian custodian and the  
3 rights of inheritance of the parents and child;

4 (ii) Includes a description of the Indian child's legal relationship with the tribe; and

5 (iii) Does not include any child support obligation from the Indian child's parents or In-  
6 dian custodian.

7 (b) The court shall afford full faith and credit to a tribal customary adoption order or  
8 judgment that is accepted under this subsection.

9 (4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 109.309, a tribal customary adoptive parent is not required  
10 to file a petition for adoption when the court accepts a tribal customary adoption order or  
11 judgment under subsection (3) of this section.

12 (b) The tribal customary adoptive parent shall file an Adoption Summary and Segregated  
13 Information Statement with accompanying exhibits as provided under ORS 109.317.

14 (c) Notwithstanding ORS 21.135, the clerk of the juvenile court may not charge or collect  
15 first appearance fees for a proceeding under this subsection.

16 (d) After accepting a tribal customary adoption order or judgment under subsection (3)  
17 of this section, the juvenile court that accepted the order or judgment shall proceed as pro-  
18 vided in ORS 109.350 and enter a judgment of adoption. In addition to the requirements under  
19 ORS 109.350, the judgment of adoption must include a statement that any parental rights or  
20 obligations not specified in the judgment are transferred to the tribal customary adoptive  
21 parents and a description of any parental rights or duties retained by the Indian child's  
22 parents, the rights of inheritance of the child and the child's parents and the child's legal  
23 relationship with the child's tribe.

24 (e) A tribal customary adoption under this section does not require the consent of the  
25 Indian child or the child's parents.

26 (f) Upon the court's entry of a judgment of adoption under this section, the court's ju-  
27 risdiction over the Indian child terminates as provided in ORS 419B.328 (2)(d).

28 (g) Records of adoptions filed and established under this subsection shall be kept in ac-  
29 cordance with, and are subject to, ORS 109.319.

30 (5) Any parental rights or obligations not specifically retained by the Indian child's par-  
31 ents in the juvenile court's adoption judgment are conclusively presumed to transfer to the  
32 tribal customary adoptive parents.

33 (6) This section shall remain operative only to the extent that compliance with the pro-  
34 visions of this section do not conflict with federal law as a condition of receiving funding  
35 under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

36 (7)(a) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules requiring that any report  
37 regarding a ward who is an Indian child that the department submits to the court, including  
38 home studies, placement reports or other reports required under ORS chapters 109, 418, 419A  
39 and 419B, must address tribal customary adoption as a permanency option.

40 (b) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may make rules necessary for the court  
41 processes to implement the provisions of this section.

42 (c) The State Court Administrator may prepare necessary forms for the implementation  
43 of this section.

44 **SECTION 65b.** ORS 419B.476, as amended by section 38, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
45 special session), is amended to read:

1 419B.476. (1) A permanency hearing shall be conducted in the manner provided in ORS 418.312,  
 2 419B.310, 419B.812 to 419B.839 and 419B.908, except that the court may receive testimony and re-  
 3 ports as provided in ORS 419B.325.

4 (2) At a permanency hearing the court shall:

5 (a) If the case plan at the time of the hearing is to reunify the family, determine whether the  
 6 Department of Human Services has made reasonable efforts or, if [*there is reason to know as de-*  
 7 *scribed in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that*] the ward is an Indian  
 8 child, active efforts as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),  
 9 to make it possible for the ward to safely return home and whether the parent has made sufficient  
 10 progress to make it possible for the ward to safely return home. In making its determination, the  
 11 court shall consider the ward's health and safety the paramount concerns.

12 (b) If the case plan at the time of the hearing is something other than to reunify the family,  
 13 determine whether the department has made reasonable efforts to place the ward in a timely manner  
 14 in accordance with the plan, including, if appropriate, reasonable efforts to place the ward through  
 15 an interstate placement, and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent placement.

16 (c) If the case plan at the time of the hearing is something other than to reunify the family,  
 17 determine whether the department has considered permanent placement options for the ward, in-  
 18 cluding, if appropriate, whether the department has considered both permanent in-state placement  
 19 options and permanent interstate placement options for the ward.

20 (d) Make the findings of fact under ORS 419B.449 (3).

21 **(e) If the child is an Indian child and the case plan at the time of the hearing is some-**  
 22 **thing other than to reunify the family, make a finding whether, after the department's con-**  
 23 **sultation with the child's tribe, and, if the tribe appears at the hearing, the court's direct**  
 24 **consultation with the tribe, tribal customary adoption, as described in section 65a of this 2021**  
 25 **Act, is an appropriate permanent placement for the child if reunification is unsuccessful.**

26 (3) When the ward is 14 years of age or older, in addition to making the determination required  
 27 by subsection (2) of this section, at a permanency hearing the court shall review the comprehensive  
 28 plan for the ward's transition to successful adulthood and determine and make findings as to:

29 (a) Whether the plan is adequate to ensure the ward's transition to successful adulthood;

30 (b) Whether the department has offered appropriate services pursuant to the plan; and

31 (c) Whether the department has involved the ward in the development of the plan.

32 (4) At a permanency hearing the court may:

33 (a) If the case plan changed during the period since the last review by a local citizen review  
 34 board or court hearing and a plan to reunify the family was in effect for any part of that period,  
 35 determine whether the department has made reasonable efforts or, if [*there is reason to know as*  
 36 *described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that*] the ward is an In-  
 37 dian child, active efforts as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
 38 session), to make it possible for the ward to safely return home. In making its determination, the  
 39 court shall consider the ward's health and safety the paramount concerns;

40 (b) If the case plan changed during the period since the last review by a local citizen review  
 41 board or court hearing and a plan other than to reunify the family was in effect for any part of that  
 42 period, determine whether the department has made reasonable efforts to place the ward in a timely  
 43 manner in accordance with the plan, including, if appropriate, placement of the ward through an  
 44 interstate placement, and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent placement;

45 (c) If the court determines that further efforts will make it possible for the ward to safely return

1 home within a reasonable time, order that the parents participate in specific services for a specific  
2 period of time and make specific progress within that period of time;

3 (d) Determine the adequacy and compliance with the case plan and the case progress report;

4 (e) Review the efforts made by the department to develop the concurrent permanent plan, in-  
5 cluding but not limited to identification of appropriate permanent in-state placement options and  
6 appropriate permanent interstate placement options and, if adoption is the concurrent case plan,  
7 identification and selection of a suitable adoptive placement for the ward;

8 (f) Order the department to develop or expand the case plan or concurrent permanent plan and  
9 provide a case progress report to the court and other parties within 10 days after the permanency  
10 hearing;

11 (g) Order the department or agency to modify the care, placement and supervision of the ward;

12 (h) Order the local citizen review board to review the status of the ward prior to the next court  
13 hearing; or

14 (i) Set another court hearing at a later date.

15 (5) The court shall enter an order within 20 days after the permanency hearing. In addition to  
16 any determinations or orders the court may make under subsection (4) of this section, the order  
17 shall include the following:

18 (a) The court's determinations required under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, including  
19 a brief description of the efforts the department has made with regard to the case plan in effect at  
20 the time of the permanency hearing.

21 (b) The court's determination of the permanency plan for the ward that includes whether and,  
22 if applicable, when:

23 (A) The ward will be returned to the parent;

24 (B) The ward will be placed for adoption, and a petition for termination of parental rights will  
25 be filed;

26 (C) The ward will be referred for establishment of legal guardianship;

27 (D) The ward will be placed with a fit and willing relative; or

28 (E) If the ward is 16 years of age or older, the ward will be placed in another planned permanent  
29 living arrangement.

30 (c) If the court determines that the permanency plan for the ward should be to return home  
31 because further efforts will make it possible for the ward to safely return home within a reasonable  
32 time, the court's determination of the services in which the parents are required to participate, the  
33 progress the parents are required to make and the period of time within which the specified progress  
34 must be made.

35 (d) If the court determines that the permanency plan for the ward should be adoption, the  
36 court's determination of whether one of the circumstances in ORS 419B.498 (2) is applicable.

37 (e) If the court determines that the permanency plan for the ward should be establishment of a  
38 legal guardianship, the court's determination of why neither placement with parents nor adoption  
39 is appropriate.

40 (f) If the court determines that the permanency plan for a ward should be placement with a fit  
41 and willing relative, the court's determination of why placement with the ward's parents, or for  
42 adoption, or placement with a legal guardian, is not appropriate.

43 **(g) If the court determines that the permanency plan for the ward should be tribal cus-**  
44 **tomary adoption, the court's determination of whether one of the circumstances in ORS**  
45 **419B.498 (2) is applicable.**

1           [(g)] (h) If the court determines that the permanency plan for a ward 16 years of age or older  
2 should be another planned permanent living arrangement, the court's determinations:

3           (A) Why another planned permanent living arrangement is in the ward's best interests and a  
4 compelling reason, that must be documented by the department, why it would not be in the best  
5 interests of the ward to be returned home, placed for adoption, placed with a legal guardian or  
6 placed with a fit and willing relative; and

7           (B) That the department has taken steps to ensure that:

8           (i) The ward's substitute care provider is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard;  
9 and

10           (ii) The ward has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age-appropriate or developmentally  
11 appropriate activities, including consultation with the ward in an age-appropriate manner about the  
12 opportunities the ward has to participate in the activities.

13           [(h)] (i) If the current placement is not expected to be permanent, the court's projected timetable  
14 for return home or for placement in another planned permanent living arrangement. If the timetable  
15 set forth by the court is not met, the department shall promptly notify the court and parties.

16           [(i)] (j) If *[there is reason to know that an Indian child is involved]* **the ward is an Indian**  
17 **child**, the tribal affiliation of the ward.

18           [(j)] (k) If *[there is reason to know that]* the ward is an Indian child and if the court determines  
19 that the permanency plan for the ward should be something other than to reunify the family, the  
20 court's determination, by clear and convincing evidence, that:

21           (A) Active efforts as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
22 sion), were provided to make it possible for the Indian child to safely return home;

23           (B) Despite the efforts provided, continued removal of the Indian child is necessary to prevent  
24 serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child;

25           (C) The parent has not made sufficient progress to make it possible for the Indian child to safely  
26 return home; and

27           (D) The new permanency plan complies with the placement preferences described in section 23,  
28 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

29           [(k)] (L) If the ward has been placed in an interstate placement, the court's determination of  
30 whether the interstate placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interests of the ward.

31           (6) In making the determinations under subsection [(5)(g)] (5)(h) of this section, the court shall  
32 ask the ward about the ward's desired permanency outcome.

33           (7) If *[there is reason to know that an Indian child is involved]* **the child is an Indian child:**

34           (a) The court shall follow the placement preferences described in section 23, chapter 14, Oregon  
35 Laws 2020 (first special session).

36           (b) If the court finds that the department did not provide active efforts to make it possible for  
37 the Indian child to safely return home, the court may not, at that permanency hearing, change the  
38 permanency plan to something other than to reunify the family.

39           (c) If the court finds that the department did not provide active efforts to make it possible for  
40 the Indian child to return home, except as otherwise required under ORS 419B.470, the court may  
41 not set a date for a subsequent permanency hearing until the department has provided active efforts  
42 for the number of days that active efforts were not previously provided.

43           (d)(A) **If the court determines that tribal customary adoption, as described in section 65a**  
44 **of this 2021 Act, is an appropriate permanent placement for the child, and the Indian child's**  
45 **tribe consents, the court shall request that the tribe file with the court a tribal customary**

1 **adoption order or judgment evidencing that the tribal customary adoption has been com-**  
2 **pleted. The tribe must file the tribal customary adoption order or judgment no less than 20**  
3 **days prior to the date set by the court for hearing.**

4 **(B) Upon the tribe's request, the court may grant an extension of time to file the tribal**  
5 **customary adoption order or judgment, not to exceed 60 days.**

6 **(C) If the tribe does not file the tribal customary adoption order or judgment within the**  
7 **designated time period, the court shall order a new permanency hearing to determine the**  
8 **best permanency plan for the child.**

9 (8) Any final decision of the court made pursuant to the permanency hearing is appealable under  
10 ORS 419A.200. On appeal of a final decision of the court under this subsection, the court's finding,  
11 if any, under ORS 419B.340 (5) that the department is not required to make reasonable efforts to  
12 make it possible for the ward to safely return home is an interlocutory order to which a party may  
13 assign error.

14 **SECTION 65c.** ORS 419B.498, as amended by section 47, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
15 special session), is amended to read:

16 419B.498. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Department of Human  
17 Services shall simultaneously file a petition to terminate the parental rights of a child or ward's  
18 parents and identify, recruit, process and approve a qualified family for adoption if the child or ward  
19 is in the custody of the department and:

20 (a) The child or ward has been in substitute care under the responsibility of the department for  
21 15 months of the most recent 22 months;

22 (b) A parent has been convicted of murder of another child of the parent, voluntary  
23 manslaughter of another child of the parent, aiding, abetting, attempting, conspiring or soliciting to  
24 commit murder or voluntary manslaughter of the child or ward or of another child of the parent or  
25 felony assault that has resulted in serious physical injury to the child or ward or to another child  
26 of the parent; or

27 (c) A court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the child or ward is an abandoned  
28 child.

29 (2) The department shall file a petition to terminate the parental rights of a parent in the cir-  
30 cumstances described in subsection (1) of this section unless:

31 (a) The child or ward is being cared for by a relative and that placement is intended to be  
32 permanent;

33 (b) There is a compelling reason, which is documented in the case plan, for determining that  
34 filing such a petition would not be in the best interests of the child or ward. Such compelling rea-  
35 sons include, but are not limited to:

36 (A) The parent is successfully participating in services that will make it possible for the child  
37 or ward to safely return home within a reasonable time as provided in ORS 419B.476 (5)(c);

38 (B) Another permanent plan is better suited to meet the health and safety needs of the child or  
39 ward, including the need to preserve the child's or ward's sibling attachments and relationships;  
40 [or]

41 **(C) If the child is an Indian child, the court finds that tribal customary adoption, as de-**  
42 **scribed in section 65a of this 2021 Act, is an appropriate permanent plan for the child and the**  
43 **Indian child's tribe consents to the tribal customary adoption; or**

44 [(C)] **(D)** The court or local citizen review board in a prior hearing or review determined that  
45 while the case plan was to reunify the family the department did not make reasonable efforts or, if

1 the child or ward is an Indian child, active efforts, as described in section 18, chapter 14, Oregon  
2 Laws 2020 (first special session), to make it possible for the child or ward to safely return home;  
3 or

4 (c) The department has not provided to the family of the child or ward, consistent with the time  
5 period in the case plan, such services as the department deems necessary for the child or ward to  
6 safely return home, if reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child or ward to safely return  
7 home are required to be made with respect to the child or ward.

8 (3) No petition to terminate the parental rights of a child or ward's parents pursuant to sub-  
9 section (1) of this section or pursuant to ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 or 419B.508  
10 may be filed until the court has determined that the permanency plan for the child or ward should  
11 be adoption after a permanency hearing pursuant to ORS 419B.476.

12  
13 **STATUS OFFENSES**

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15 **SECTION 66.** ORS 419C.626 is amended to read:

16 419C.626. (1) Upon receiving a report required by ORS 419C.620:

17 (a) The court may hold a hearing to review the youth offender's condition and circumstances  
18 and to determine if the court should continue jurisdiction over the youth offender or order modifi-  
19 cations in the custody, placement and supervision of the youth offender.

20 (b) And if requested by the youth offender, the attorney for the youth offender, if any, the par-  
21 ents of the youth offender if parental rights have not been terminated, a court appointed special  
22 advocate, a local citizen review board, the Oregon Youth Authority, a county juvenile department,  
23 a district attorney or a private agency having guardianship or legal custody of the youth offender,  
24 the court shall hold a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the request.

25 (2) The court, on its own motion, may hold a review hearing at any time. Unless good cause  
26 otherwise is shown, the court shall hold a review hearing at any time upon the request of the youth  
27 offender, the attorney for the youth offender, if any, the parents of the youth offender if parental  
28 rights have not been terminated, a court appointed special advocate, a local citizen review board,  
29 the youth authority, a county juvenile department, a district attorney or a private agency having  
30 guardianship or legal custody of the youth offender.

31 (3)(a) A hearing under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be conducted in the manner  
32 provided in ORS 419C.400 (1), 419C.405 and 419C.408, except that the court may receive testimony  
33 and reports as provided in ORS 419C.400 (4).

34 (b) At the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall enter findings of fact if the decision is to  
35 continue the youth offender in an out-of-home placement in the legal custody of the youth authority,  
36 a county juvenile department or a private agency. The findings shall specifically state:

37 [(a)] (A) Why continued out-of-home placement is necessary as opposed to returning the youth  
38 offender to the youth offender's home or promptly securing another placement;

39 [(b)] (B) The expected timetable for return home; and

40 [(c)] (C) Whether the youth offender's reformation plan or case plan should be modified.

41 (4) After receiving a report required by ORS 419C.620 (2), if requested by the county juvenile  
42 department, the court's findings under subsection (3) of this section must specifically state:

43 (a) **Whether, subject to the procedures under section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020**  
44 **(first special session), there is reason to know the youth offender is an Indian child.**

45 [(a)] (b) Whether the county juvenile department has made reasonable efforts or, if [*the Indian*

1 *Child Welfare Act applies*] **the youth offender is an Indian child**, active efforts to make it possible  
2 for the youth offender to safely return home. In making this finding, the court shall consider the  
3 youth offender’s health and safety the paramount concerns.

4 [(b)] (c) The appropriateness of the youth offender’s placement.

5 [(c)] (d) The extent of compliance with the youth offender’s case plan.

6 [(d)] (e) The extent of progress that has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes  
7 necessitating the youth offender’s placement in substitute care.

8 (5) The court may direct the local citizen review board to review the status of the youth  
9 offender prior to the court’s next review under ORS 419A.106, 419A.108, 419A.110, 419A.112,  
10 419A.116 and 419A.118.

11 (6) Any final decision of the court made pursuant to a hearing under subsection (1) or (2) of this  
12 section is appealable under ORS 419A.200.

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14 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

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16 **SECTION 67.** ORS 419B.090, as amended by section 25, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
17 special session), is amended to read:

18 419B.090. (1) The juvenile court is a court of record and exercises jurisdiction as a court of  
19 general and equitable jurisdiction and not as a court of limited or inferior jurisdiction. The juvenile  
20 court is called “The \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Juvenile Department.”

21 (2)(a) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to recognize that children are individuals who have  
22 legal rights. Among those rights are the right to:

23 (A) Permanency with a safe family;

24 (B) Freedom from physical, sexual or emotional abuse or exploitation; and

25 (C) Freedom from substantial neglect of basic needs.

26 (b) Parents and guardians have a duty to afford their children the rights listed in paragraph (a)  
27 of this subsection. Parents and guardians have a duty to remove any impediment to their ability to  
28 perform parental duties that afford these rights to their children. When a parent or guardian fails  
29 to fulfill these duties, the juvenile court may determine that it is in the best interests of the child  
30 to remove the child from the parent or guardian either temporarily or permanently.

31 (c) The provisions of this chapter shall be liberally construed to the end that a child coming  
32 within the jurisdiction of the court may receive such care, guidance, treatment and control as will  
33 lead to the child’s welfare and the protection of the community.

34 (3) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to safeguard and promote each child’s right to safety,  
35 stability and well-being and to safeguard and promote each child’s relationships with parents, sib-  
36 lings, grandparents, other relatives and adults with whom a child develops healthy emotional at-  
37 tachments.

38 (4) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to guard the liberty interest of parents protected by  
39 the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and to protect the rights and interests  
40 of children, as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The provisions of this chapter shall be  
41 construed and applied in compliance with federal constitutional limitations on state action estab-  
42 lished by the United States Supreme Court with respect to interference with the rights of parents  
43 to direct the upbringing of their children, including, but not limited to, the right to:

44 (a) Guide the secular and religious education of their children;

45 (b) Make health care decisions for their children; and

1 (c) Discipline their children.

2 (5) It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in those cases not described as extreme conduct under  
3 ORS 419B.502, to offer appropriate reunification services to parents and guardians to allow them the  
4 opportunity to adjust their circumstances, conduct or conditions to make it possible for the child to  
5 safely return home within a reasonable time. The state shall provide to parents and guardians with  
6 disabilities opportunities to benefit from or participate in reunification services that are equal to  
7 those extended to individuals without disabilities. The state shall provide aids, benefits and services  
8 different from those provided to parents and guardians without disabilities, when necessary to en-  
9 sure that parents and guardians with disabilities are provided with an equal opportunity under this  
10 subsection. Although there is a strong preference that children live in their own homes with their  
11 own families, the state recognizes that it is not always possible or in the best interests of the child  
12 or the public for children who have been abused or neglected to be reunited with their parents or  
13 guardians. In those cases, the State of Oregon has the obligation to create or provide an alternative,  
14 safe and permanent home for the child.

15 (6) It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in a case involving an Indian child, to safeguard and  
16 promote the Indian child's connections with the Indian child's family, culture and tribe in accord-  
17 ance with the policies regarding Indian children in [dependency] **child custody** proceedings under  
18 section 1, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

19 **SECTION 68.** ORS 419B.100, as amended by section 27, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
20 special session), is amended to read:

21 419B.100. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section and ORS 107.726, the  
22 juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction in any case involving a person who is under 18  
23 years of age and:

24 (a) Who is beyond the control of the person's parents, guardian or other person having custody  
25 of the person;

26 (b) Whose behavior is such as to endanger the welfare of the person or of others;

27 (c) Whose condition or circumstances are such as to endanger the welfare of the person or of  
28 others;

29 (d) Who is dependent for care and support on a public or private child-caring agency that needs  
30 the services of the court in planning for the best interest of the person;

31 (e) Whose parents or any other person or persons having custody of the person have:

32 (A) Abandoned the person;

33 (B) Failed to provide the person with the care or education required by law;

34 (C) Subjected the person to cruelty, depravity or unexplained physical injury; or

35 (D) Failed to provide the person with the care, guidance and protection necessary for the  
36 physical, mental or emotional well-being of the person;

37 (f) Who is a runaway;

38 (g) Who has filed a petition for emancipation pursuant to ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558; or

39 (h) Who is subject to an order entered under ORS 419C.411 (7)(a).

40 (2) The court shall have jurisdiction under subsection (1) of this section even though the child  
41 is receiving adequate care from the person having physical custody of the child.

42 (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section do not prevent a court of competent juris-  
43 diction from entertaining a civil action or suit involving a child.

44 (4) The court does not have further jurisdiction as provided in subsection (1) of this section after  
45 a minor has been emancipated pursuant to ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558.



1 (5) Except as provided in section 12, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), juris-  
2 diction over any child custody proceeding, **as defined in section 2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020**  
3 **(first special session)**, involving an Indian child is determined as provided in section 12, chapter  
4 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

5 **SECTION 69.** ORS 419B.234 is amended to read:

6 419B.234. (1) A person appointed as a guardian ad litem under ORS 419B.231:

7 (a) Must be a licensed mental health professional or attorney;

8 (b) Must be familiar with legal standards relating to competence;

9 (c) Must have skills and experience in representing persons with mental and physical disabilities  
10 or impairments; and

11 (d) May not be a member of the parent's family.

12 (2) The guardian ad litem is not a party in the proceeding but is a representative of the parent.

13 (3) The guardian ad litem shall:

14 (a) Consult with the parent, if the parent is able, and with the parent's attorney and make any  
15 other inquiries as are appropriate to assist the guardian ad litem in making decisions in the juvenile  
16 court proceeding.

17 (b) Make legal decisions that the parent would ordinarily make concerning the juvenile court  
18 proceeding including, but not limited to, whether to:

19 (A) Admit or deny the allegations of any petition;

20 (B) Agree to or contest jurisdiction, wardship, temporary commitment, guardianship or perma-  
21 nent commitment;

22 (C) Accept or decline a conditional postponement; or

23 (D) Agree to or contest specific services or placement.

24 (c) Make decisions concerning the adoption of a child of the parent including release or sur-  
25 render, certificates of irrevocability and consent to adoption under ORS 109.321 or 418.270 **or sec-**  
26 **tion 19 of this 2021 Act** and agreements under ORS 109.305.

27 (d) Control the litigation and provide direction to the parent's attorney on the decisions that  
28 would ordinarily be made by the parent in the proceeding.

29 (e) Inform the court if the parent no longer needs a guardian ad litem.

30 (4) In making decisions under subsection (3) of this section, the guardian ad litem shall make the  
31 decisions consistent with what the guardian ad litem believes the parent would decide if the parent  
32 did not lack substantial capacity to either understand the nature and consequences of the proceed-  
33 ing or give direction or assistance to the parent's attorney on decisions the parent must make in the  
34 proceeding.

35 (5) The parent's attorney shall follow directions provided by the guardian ad litem on decisions  
36 that are ordinarily made by the parent in the proceeding. The parent's attorney shall inquire at  
37 every critical stage in the proceeding as to whether the parent's competence has changed and, if  
38 appropriate, shall request removal of the guardian ad litem.

39 (6)(a) A parent for whom a guardian ad litem has been appointed under ORS 419B.231 has a  
40 privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from disclosing confidential commu-  
41 nications made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional services to the parent:

42 (A) Between the guardian ad litem and the parent's attorney or a representative of the attorney;

43 or

44 (B) Between the guardian ad litem and the parent.

45 (b) The privilege created by this subsection:

1 (A) May be claimed by the parent or the guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem may claim  
2 the privilege only on behalf of the parent.

3 (B) Is subject to ORS 40.280, 40.285 and 40.290.

4 **SECTION 70.** ORS 419B.310, as amended by section 35, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
5 special session), is amended to read:

6 419B.310. (1) The hearing shall be held by the court without a jury and may be continued from  
7 time to time. During the hearing of a case filed pursuant to ORS 419B.100, the court, on its own  
8 motion or upon the motion of a party, may take testimony from any child appearing as a witness  
9 and may exclude the child's parents and other persons if the court finds such action would be likely  
10 to be in the best interests of the child. However, the court may not exclude the attorney for each  
11 party and the testimony shall be reported.

12 (2) Stenographic notes or other report of the hearings shall be taken only when required by the  
13 court.

14 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the facts alleged in the petition showing the  
15 child to be within the jurisdiction of the court as provided in ORS 419B.100 (1), unless admitted,  
16 must be established:

17 (A) By a preponderance of competent evidence; or

18 (B) If [*there is reason to know under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-*  
19 *sion), that*] the child is an Indian child, by clear and convincing competent evidence.

20 (b) The evidence under paragraph (a)(B) of this section must:

21 (A) Include testimony of one or more qualified expert witnesses under section 17, chapter 14,  
22 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), demonstrating that the Indian child's continued custody  
23 by the child's parent or custody by the child's Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emo-  
24 tional or physical damage to the Indian child; and

25 (B) Show a causal relationship between the particular conditions in the Indian child's home and  
26 the likelihood that the [*Indian child's*] continued custody **of the Indian child** by the child's parent  
27 or custody by the child's Indian custodian will result in serious emotional or physical damage to the  
28 particular Indian child who is the subject of the child custody proceeding, **as defined in section**  
29 **2, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**. Evidence that shows the existence of  
30 community or family poverty, isolation, single parenthood, custodian age, crowded or inadequate  
31 housing, substance abuse or nonconforming social behavior does not, by itself, establish a causal  
32 relationship as required by this paragraph.

33 (c) As used in this subsection, "custody" and "continued custody" have the meanings described  
34 in section 3, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

35 [(4)(a) *At any hearing of a case filed pursuant to ORS 419B.100, the court shall determine whether*  
36 *there is reason to know under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that the*  
37 *child is an Indian child.*]

38 [(b)] (4) If **the court finds under ORS 419B.305 (2), or at any time prior to the com-**  
39 **mencement of the hearing, that** there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child, the  
40 jurisdictional requirements of section 12, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and  
41 ORS 419B.305 must be met before the court may assume jurisdiction of the case.

42 **SECTION 71.** ORS 419B.325, as amended by section 36, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
43 special session), is amended to read:

44 419B.325. (1) At the termination of the hearing or hearings in the proceeding, the court shall  
45 enter an appropriate order directing the disposition to be made of the case.

1 (2) For the purpose of determining proper disposition of the ward, testimony, reports or other  
2 material relating to the ward's mental, physical and social history and prognosis may be received  
3 by the court without regard to their competency or relevancy under the rules of evidence.

4 (3) If *[there is reason to know under section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-*  
5 *sion), that the ward is an Indian child,]* **the child is an Indian child**, the court's order under this  
6 section must be in compliance with the placement preferences described in section 23, chapter 14,  
7 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

8 **SECTION 72.** ORS 419B.368, as amended by section 58, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
9 special session), is amended to read:

10 419B.368. (1) The court, on its own motion or upon the motion of a party and after such hearing  
11 as the court may direct, may review, modify or vacate a guardianship order.

12 (2) The court may modify a guardianship order if the court determines to do so would be in the  
13 ward's best interests.

14 (3) The court may vacate a guardianship order, return the ward to the custody of a parent and  
15 make any other order the court is authorized to make under this chapter if the court determines  
16 that:

17 (a) It is in the ward's best interests to vacate the guardianship;

18 (b) The conditions and circumstances giving rise to the establishment of the guardianship have  
19 been ameliorated; and

20 (c) The parent is presently able and willing to adequately care for the ward.

21 (4) The court may vacate a guardianship order after determining that the guardian is no longer  
22 willing or able to fulfill the duties of a guardian. Upon vacating a guardianship order under this  
23 subsection, the court shall conduct a hearing:

24 (a) Within 14 days, make written findings required in ORS 419B.185 *[(1)(a), (d), (e) and (f)]* **(2)**  
25 **and (3)(d) and (e)** and make any order directing disposition of the ward that the court is authorized  
26 to make under this chapter; and

27 (b) Pursuant to ORS 419B.476 within 90 days.

28 (5) In determining whether it is in the ward's best interests to modify or vacate a guardianship,  
29 the court shall consider, but is not limited to considering:

30 (a) The ward's emotional and developmental needs;

31 (b) The ward's need to maintain existing attachments and relationships and to form attachments  
32 and relationships, including those with the birth family;

33 (c) The ward's health and safety; and

34 (d) The ward's wishes.

35 (6) In addition to service required under ORS 419B.851, a party filing a motion to vacate a  
36 guardianship shall serve the motion upon the Department of Human Services.

37 (7) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a parent may not move the court to vacate  
38 a guardianship once a guardianship is granted under ORS 419B.365.

39 (8) If a guardianship is established under ORS 419B.366 and 419B.371, the court shall conduct  
40 a court review not later than 60 days before the ward reaches 18 years of age. At the hearing, the  
41 court shall inform the ward that after reaching 18 years of age the ward may not be placed in  
42 substitute care in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services.

43 **SECTION 73.** ORS 419B.449, as amended by section 46, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
44 special session), is amended to read:

45 419B.449. (1) Upon receiving any report required by ORS 419B.440, the court may hold a hearing

1 to review the child or ward's condition and circumstances and to determine if the court should  
2 continue jurisdiction and wardship or order modifications in the care, placement and supervision of  
3 the child or ward. The court shall hold a hearing:

4 (a) In all cases under ORS 419B.440 (1)(b)(B) when the parents' rights have been terminated;

5 (b) If requested by the child or ward, the attorney for the child or ward, if any, the parents or  
6 the public or private agency having guardianship or legal custody of the child or ward within 30  
7 days of receipt of the notice provided in ORS 419B.452;

8 (c) Not later than six months after receipt of a report made under ORS 419B.440 (1)(a) on a ward  
9 who is in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services pursuant to ORS 419B.337 but who  
10 is placed in the physical custody of a parent or a person who was appointed the ward's legal  
11 guardian prior to placement of the ward in the legal custody of the department;

12 (d) Within 30 days after receipt of a report made under ORS 419B.440 (1)(b)(C); or

13 (e) Within 10 days after receipt of a report made under ORS 419B.440 (1)(c).

14 (2) The court shall conduct a hearing provided in subsection (1) of this section in the manner  
15 provided in ORS 419B.310, except that the court may receive testimony and reports as provided in  
16 ORS 419B.325. At the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall enter findings of fact.

17 (3) If the child or ward is in substitute care and the decision of the court is to continue the child  
18 or ward in substitute care, the findings of the court shall specifically state:

19 (a)(A) Why continued care is necessary as opposed to returning the child or ward home or tak-  
20 ing prompt action to secure another permanent placement; and

21 (B) The expected timetable for return or other permanent placement.

22 (b) Whether the agency having guardianship or legal custody of the child or ward has made  
23 diligent efforts to place the child or ward pursuant to ORS 419B.192.

24 (c) The number of placements made, schools attended, face-to-face contacts with the assigned  
25 case worker and visits had with parents or siblings since the child or ward has been in the  
26 guardianship or legal custody of the agency and whether the frequency of each of these is in the  
27 best interests of the child or ward.

28 (d) For a child or ward 14 years of age or older, whether the child or ward is progressing ade-  
29 quately toward graduation from high school and, if not, the efforts that have been made by the  
30 agency having custody or guardianship to assist the child or ward to graduate.

31 (e) For a ward 16 years of age or older with a permanency plan of another planned permanent  
32 living arrangement, the steps the department is taking to ensure that:

33 (A) The ward's substitute care provider is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard;  
34 and

35 (B) The ward has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age-appropriate or developmentally  
36 appropriate activities, including consultation with the ward in an age-appropriate manner about the  
37 opportunities the ward has to participate in the activities.

38 (4) If the ward is in the legal custody of the department but has been placed in the physical  
39 custody of the parent or a person who was appointed the ward's legal guardian prior to placement  
40 of the ward in the legal custody of the department, and the decision is to continue the ward in the  
41 legal custody of the department and the physical custody of the parent or guardian, the findings of  
42 the court shall specifically state:

43 (a) Why it is necessary and in the best interests of the ward to continue the ward in the legal  
44 custody of the department; and

45 (b) The expected timetable for dismissal of the department's legal custody of the ward and ter-

1 mination of the wardship.

2 (5) If [*there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first*  
 3 *special session), that*] the child or ward is an Indian child and the child or ward is in the legal cus-  
 4 tody of the department but has been placed in the physical custody of the parent or a person who  
 5 was appointed the child's or ward's legal guardian prior to placement of the child or ward in the  
 6 legal custody of the department, the court may order that the child or ward be placed in the phys-  
 7 ical custody of a substitute care provider only after making all of the inquiry, notice and findings  
 8 required under ORS 419B.305 and 419B.310.

9 (6) In making the findings under subsection (2) of this section, the court shall consider the ef-  
 10 forts made to develop the concurrent case plan, including, but not limited to, identification of ap-  
 11 propriate permanent placement options for the child or ward both inside and outside this state and,  
 12 if adoption is the concurrent case plan, identification and selection of a suitable adoptive placement  
 13 for the child or ward.

14 (7)(a) If [*there is reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first*  
 15 *special session), that*] the child or ward is an Indian child, the findings of the court shall specifically  
 16 state whether the department has provided active efforts to reunify the Indian child with the Indian  
 17 child's parent or Indian custodian.

18 (b) If the court finds that active efforts have not been provided, the court shall order that the  
 19 Indian child be immediately returned to the Indian child's parent.

20 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, if the court finds that returning the Indian  
 21 child to the Indian child's parent will result in substantial and immediate danger or threat of danger  
 22 to the Indian child, the court shall:

23 (A) Determine the period of time during which active efforts were not provided;

24 (B) Order the department to provide those services necessary for the provision of active efforts;

25 (C) Order the department to continue placement of the Indian child pursuant to the placement  
 26 preferences under section 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and

27 (D) Order the department to continue to foster relationships with any individuals identified by  
 28 the department as long-term placement resources meeting the placement preferences under section  
 29 23, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

30 (8) In addition to findings of fact required by subsection (2) of this section, the court may order  
 31 the department to consider additional information in developing the case plan or concurrent case  
 32 plan.

33 (9) Any final decision of the court made pursuant to the hearing provided in subsection (1) of  
 34 this section is appealable under ORS 419A.200.

35 **SECTION 74.** ORS 419B.452, as amended by section 59, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
 36 special session), is amended to read:

37 419B.452. Except when a child or ward has been surrendered for adoption or the parents' rights  
 38 have been terminated, the court shall send a copy of the report required by ORS 419B.440 to the  
 39 parents and shall notify the parents either that a hearing will be held or that the parents may re-  
 40 quest a hearing at which time they may ask for modifications in the care, treatment and supervision  
 41 of the child or ward. If the court finds that informing the parents of the identity and location of the  
 42 foster parents of the child or ward is not in the best interest of the child or ward, the court may  
 43 order such information deleted from the report before sending the report to the parents. [*If there is*  
 44 *reason to know, as described in section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that*  
 45 *an Indian child is involved*] **If the child is an Indian child**, the court shall send a copy of the report

1 to the Indian child's tribe as required by the notice requirements under section 16, chapter 14,  
2 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

3 **SECTION 75.** ORS 419B.532, as amended by section 51, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
4 special session), is amended to read:

5 419B.532. (1) As used in this section, "former parent" means a person who was previously the  
6 legal parent of a ward and whose parental rights to the ward have been terminated.

7 (2)(a) In a proceeding under ORS 419B.500, the Department of Human Services or a ward may  
8 file a motion to reinstate the parental rights of a former parent if:

9 (A)(i) The ward has not been adopted; or

10 (ii) The ward was previously adopted but no longer has a legal parent;

11 (B) No legal action to achieve the adoption of the ward has been initiated under ORS 109.309  
12 or 419B.529;

13 (C) At least 18 months have passed since entry of the judgment terminating the former parent's  
14 parental rights to the ward or, in the event of an appeal, at least six months have passed since is-  
15 suance of an appellate judgment affirming the termination judgment, whichever is later; and

16 (D) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the ward is at least 12 years of age  
17 at the time the motion to reinstate parental rights is filed.

18 (b) If the ward is under 12 years of age at the time the motion to reinstate parental rights is  
19 filed, the court may allow the motion upon a showing of good cause.

20 (3) A motion to reinstate parental rights under this section must be in writing and state with  
21 particularity the factual and legal grounds for the motion.

22 (4) The moving party shall provide a copy of the motion to reinstate parental rights to the for-  
23 mer parent and shall notify the court, the parties and, if there is reason to know[, *as described in*  
24 *section 15, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),*] that the ward is an Indian child, the  
25 tribe that a copy of the motion has been provided.

26 (5) If a motion to reinstate parental rights does not state a prima facie case as to the facts that  
27 must be proved under subsection (6) of this section, the court may deny the motion without a hear-  
28 ing.

29 (6)(a) If a motion to reinstate parental rights states a prima facie case as to the facts that must  
30 be proved under this subsection, the court shall hold a hearing on the merits of the motion. The  
31 court shall grant the motion if the moving party proves by clear and convincing evidence that:

32 (A) The former parent's conduct and conditions that led to the termination of parental rights  
33 have been ameliorated and the former parent is presently fit;

34 (B) The former parent wishes to have parental rights reinstated;

35 (C) The ward consents to the reinstatement of parental rights; and

36 (D) Reinstatement of parental rights is in the ward's best interests.

37 (b) In determining whether reinstatement of parental rights is in the ward's best interests under  
38 paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall consider:

39 (A) The ward's health, safety, permanency, age, maturity and ability to express the ward's pref-  
40 erences;

41 (B) The reasons that the former parent's parental rights were terminated;

42 (C) The former parent's stated reasons for wishing to have parental rights reinstated; and

43 (D) The likely impact on the ward of the former parent's past abuse or neglect.

44 (c) The moving party shall provide notice to the former parent of a hearing on the merits under  
45 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

1 (d) The department shall establish by rule procedures for investigating the present fitness of the  
2 former parent and for providing appropriate reunification services.

3 (7) If the court grants the motion to reinstate parental rights under subsection (6) of this sec-  
4 tion:

5 (a) The court shall enter an order reinstating parental rights that shall restore all parental  
6 rights and duties of the former parent as to the ward;

7 (b) The ward shall continue as a ward of the court for at least six months after entry of the  
8 order reinstating parental rights; and

9 (c) The court shall conduct a permanency hearing as provided in ORS 419B.470 within 60 days  
10 after entering the order under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

11 (8) An order reinstating parental rights under this section does not vacate or otherwise affect  
12 the validity of the original judgment terminating the parental rights of the former parent except to  
13 the extent that the order reinstates parental rights.

14 (9) In any proceeding under this section, the ward is entitled to have counsel appointed at state  
15 expense if the ward is determined to be financially eligible under the policies, procedures, standards  
16 and guidelines of the Public Defense Services Commission.

17 **SECTION 76.** ORS 419B.878, as amended by section 40, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
18 special session), is amended to read:

19 419B.878. (1) When a court conducts a hearing, the court shall inquire **and make a finding,**  
20 [as described in] **subject to the procedures under** section 15 (4), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020  
21 (first special session), **regarding** whether a child is an Indian child.

22 (2) If the court [knows or has reason to know that an Indian child is involved] **enters an order**  
23 **described in section 15 (4)(b), chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), directing**  
24 **that the child be treated as an Indian child,** the court shall enter an order requiring the De-  
25 partment of Human Services to comply with the inquiry and notice provisions of sections 15 and 16,  
26 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)[, and shall enter an order that the child be  
27 treated as an Indian child until such time as the court determines that the child is not an Indian  
28 child].

29 **SECTION 77.** ORS 419B.923, as amended by section 60, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first  
30 special session), is amended to read:

31 419B.923. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, on motion and such notice and  
32 hearing as the court may direct, the court may modify or set aside any order or judgment made by  
33 it. Reasons for modifying or setting aside an order or judgment include, but are not limited to:

34 (a) Clerical mistakes in judgments, orders or other parts of the record and errors in the order  
35 or judgment arising from oversight or omission. These mistakes and errors may be corrected by the  
36 court at any time on its own motion or on the motion of a party and after notice as the court orders  
37 to all parties who have appeared. During the pendency of an appeal, an order or judgment may be  
38 corrected as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

39 (b) Excusable neglect.

40 (c) Newly discovered evidence that by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to  
41 present it at the hearing from which the order or judgment issued.

42 (2) A motion to modify or set aside an order or judgment or request a new hearing must be  
43 accompanied by an affidavit that states with reasonable particularity the facts and legal basis for  
44 the motion.

45 (3) A motion to modify or set aside an order or judgment must be made within a reasonable time

1 except no order or judgment pursuant to ORS 419B.527 may be set aside or modified during the  
2 pendency of a proceeding for the adoption of the ward, nor after a petition for adoption has been  
3 granted.

4 (4) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, notice and a hearing as provided in ORS  
5 419B.195, 419B.198, 419B.201, 419B.205, 419B.208, 419B.310, 419B.325 and 419B.893 must be provided  
6 in any case when the effect of modifying or setting aside the order or judgment will or may be to  
7 deprive a parent of the legal custody of the child or ward, to place the child or ward in an institu-  
8 tion or agency or to transfer the child or ward from one institution or agency to another. The pro-  
9 visions of this subsection do not apply to a parent whose rights have been terminated under ORS  
10 419B.500 to 419B.524 or whose child has been permanently committed by order or judgment of the  
11 court unless an appeal from the order or judgment is pending.

12 (5) When [*there is*] **the person giving notice has** reason to know, as described in section 15,  
13 chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), that an Indian child is involved, notice must  
14 be provided as required under section 16, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

15 (6) Except when the child or ward is an Indian child, notice and a hearing are not required when  
16 the effect of modifying or setting aside the order or judgment will be to transfer the child or ward  
17 from one foster home to another.

18 (7) A motion under subsection (1) of this section may be filed with and decided by the trial court  
19 during the time an appeal from a judgment is pending before an appellate court. The moving party  
20 shall serve a copy of the motion on the appellate court. The moving party shall file a copy of the  
21 trial court's order or judgment in the appellate court within seven days of the date of the trial court  
22 order or judgment. Any necessary modification of the appeal required by the court order or judg-  
23 ment must be pursuant to rule of the appellate court.

24 (8) This section does not limit the inherent power of a court to modify an order or judgment  
25 within a reasonable time or the power of a court to set aside an order or judgment for fraud upon  
26 the court.

## 27 28 CONFLICT OF LAWS

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30 **SECTION 78.** Section 64, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
31 read:

32 **Sec. 64.** (1) If any provision of **section 7, 19, 32, 33, 39 or 65a of this 2021 Act**, sections 1 to  
33 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**, [*of this 2020 special session Act*] or the  
34 amendments to statutes [*by sections 24 to 60 of this 2020 special session Act*] **and session law by**  
35 **sections 1 to 5, 8 to 17, 20 to 30, 34 to 37, 40 to 64 and 65b to 77 of this 2021 Act** is found to  
36 [*contravene*] **provide a lower standard of protection to the rights of an Indian child or the In-**  
37 **Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe than** the Indian Child Welfare Act [*(25 U.S.C. 1901*  
38 *et seq.)*]:

39 **(a) The higher standard of protection in the Indian Child Welfare Act shall control; and**

40 **(b) It shall not serve to render inoperative any remaining provisions of section 7, 19, 32, 33,**  
41 **39 or 65a of this 2021 Act**, sections 1 to 23, **chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session)**,  
42 [*of this 2020 special session Act*] or the amendments to statutes [*by sections 24 to 60 of this 2020*  
43 *special session Act*] **and session law by sections 1 to 5, 8 to 17, 20 to 30, 34 to 37, 40 to 64 and**  
44 **65b to 77 of this 2021 Act** that may be held [*not to conflict with*] **to provide a higher standard**  
45 **of protection than** the Indian Child Welfare Act.





1 submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judi-  
2 ciary describing the department's implementation of tribal customary adoption as described  
3 in section 65a of this 2021 Act, as an alternative permanency option for wards who are Indian  
4 children and the department's recommendations for proposed legislation to improve the  
5 tribal customary adoption process.

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7 **MISCELLANEOUS**  
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9 **SECTION 81.** The amendments to section 61, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special  
10 session), by section 79 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 2, 2023.

11 **SECTION 82.** (1) Sections 7, 19, 32, 33, 39 and 65a of this 2021 Act and the amendments  
12 to statutes and session law by sections 1 to 5, 8 to 17, 20 to 30, 34 to 37, 40 to 64 and 65b to  
13 78 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 2, 2022.

14 (2) The Department of Justice, Department of Human Services and State Court Admin-  
15 istrator may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this  
16 section that is necessary for the department or administrator to exercise, on and after the  
17 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and  
18 powers conferred on the department or the administrator by sections 7, 19, 32, 33, 39 and 65a  
19 of this 2021 Act and the amendments to statutes and session law by sections 1 to 5, 8 to 17,  
20 20 to 30, 34 to 37, 40 to 64 and 65b to 78 of this 2021 Act.

21 **SECTION 83.** The unit captions used in this 2021 Act are provided only for the conven-  
22 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any  
23 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2021 Act.

24 **SECTION 84.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021  
25 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.  
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