

Senate Bill 562

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 **as introduced**.

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to children; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) It is the policy of this state that an individual may not be disqualified**
5 **from providing child welfare services to a child or ward:**

6 (a) **For the sole reason that the individual received child welfare services as a child or**
7 **youth;**

8 (b) **For the sole reason that the individual is a person with a disability; or**

9 (c) **On the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orien-**
10 **tation, gender expression or disability.**

11 (2) **Subsection (1) of this section applies to any person providing child welfare services**
12 **to a child or ward, including but not limited to foster parents, proctor foster parents,**
13 **adoptive parents, relative caregivers, safety providers and direct service providers.**

14 **SECTION 2. It is the policy of this state that a child, ward or youth may not be prohib-**
15 **ited from, disciplined for or retaliated against for publicly or privately speaking about the**
16 **child, ward or youth's experience receiving child welfare services.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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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.