

HB 4111 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/1, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the University of Oregon to conduct a study on the prevalence of child abuse in Oregon and submit a report on the study no later than September 15, 2023. Appropriates \$700,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for costs directly related to the study.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Methodology and inclusion of BIPOC children, ensuring equitable approach
- Demographic data and culturally specific responses and strategies
- Pilot study lessons learned and establishing baselines
- Accurate representation of Oregon demographics and sample size, barriers to inclusion of private school system

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Study (OCAPS) is a 167-question survey for students 16 years and older, which measures social support, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, child exposure to intimate partner and domestic violence, adverse childhood experiences, dating violence, weapons use and exposure, and school and health outcomes. The UO Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect (CPAN) spent two years searching how other states and countries measure child abuse prevalence rates and then another year in developing and implementing a pilot study (2019).

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