

HB 3009 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Education, System of Care Advisory Council, and representatives from coordinated care organizations, to establish and administer program to provide supports to youth with acute needs and their families. Specifies program's target population as youth under age 18 who may require psychiatric residential treatment, subacute care, or treatment in a secure facility. Directs DHS to contract with child-caring agencies to ensure provision of wraparound services for target youth and their families and specifies contractual obligations. Directs DHS to engage statewide nonprofit entity that would collect and report data and make recommendations to department. Requires DHS to annually report on program outcomes and make recommendations to interim legislative committees by September 15. Establishes Youth with Acute Needs Account in State Treasury. Sunsets January 2, 2031. Requires DHS to adopt rules and enter into contracts within six months of effective date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Systems of Care Advisory Council was established in 2019 by [Senate Bill 1](#), which emerged out of a 2018 work group convened by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to address systemic challenges in addressing the needs of children with mental or behavioral health needs across the state's juvenile justice, child welfare, and health care systems. The 25-member council consists of representatives from across state government as well as health care organizations and providers, advocates, and members of the public with lived experiences in these systems. The council maintains a [data dashboard](#) and is responsible for coordinating and [reporting](#) on efforts to improve outcomes for youth across the systems of care.

Oregon law defines a child-caring agency as an organization, school, or program that provides services for children such as including day treatment, adoption placement, residential care and treatment, and outdoor youth programs, with some exceptions. These are distinct from the child care providers that are regulated by the Early Learning Division's Office of Child Care. Examples of child-caring agencies include residential care facilities, secure transportation providers, residential boarding schools, and shelter-care homes. Child-caring agencies are regulated by the Department of Human Services, including background checks and investigations conducted by the department's Office of Training, Investigations, and Safety.

House Bill 3009 directs the Department of Human Services to consult with other state agencies and bodies in order to establish a program that would provide wraparound supports for youth with acute mental and behavioral health needs by contracting with child-caring agencies.