

HB 3256 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits parent or guardians to attend to child residing in a developmental disability child foster home guardian without the approval of the Department of Human Services (DHS). Permits children residing in a developmental disability child foster home, if approved by DHS, to continue to reside in a developmental disability child foster home after they turn 18 years of age as long as they are under 26 years of age. Requires children in Developmental disability child foster homes be unrelated to the person maintaining the home by adoption, in addition to being unrelated by blood or marriage.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 52; Excused, 5; Excused for Business of the House, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prohibiting a parent to be foster parent to own child
- How children are placed in foster homes in Oregon (parents, CW)
- Current parent options for providing care when children are placed in developmental disability foster home

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[Developmental disability child foster homes](#) serve children with intellectual or developmental disabilities between the ages of birth to 18 years old (ORS 443.830). The range of support needs is widely varied, and individual plans are developed to address the specific needs of the children in care. Developmental disability child foster homes are single-family residences that offer 24-hour care in a home-like setting that is safe and secure. Homes serve four to seven children, depending on the number of certified adults living in the home. The goal of these foster homes is to provide necessary care and support while emphasizing effective child-rearing practices to enable a child placed in the foster home to grow, develop, and build positive personal relationships and self-esteem through a cooperative relationship between the provider; the child; his/her legal representative, and the [Community Developmental Disabilities Program \(CDDP\)](#) service coordinator. Child foster home providers provide meals, transportation to appointments and other activities, medication management, assistance with activities of daily living, education, personal care, mobility, and household activities. Support is also provided for behavioral challenges, implementation of nursing care, behavior support and individual support plans. Developmental disability child foster homes in Oregon are inspected and certified prior to receiving children for care and then every two years to maintain certification. CDDP certifiers work with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to assure that all aspects of certification are complete and provide technical assistance as needed. Certificates are issued by ODHS ([Oregon Administrative Rule, Chapter 411 Division 346](#)).

House Bill 3256 A prohibits child who is receiving developmental disability services in developmental disability child foster home from being attended by parent or guardian without approval of Department of Human Services and permits child who attains 18 years of age while receiving developmental disability services in developmental

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disability child foster home to continue to reside in home until child attains 26 years of age if approved by department.

PRELIMINARY