

## SB 1523 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure allows person 21 or older, to request to change or add a biological parent's name on their original birth record by filling out an application to the Center of Health Statistics, without needing to go through a court process.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact*

#### Detailed Summary:

Allows a person at least 21 years of age who opens a certified copy of the person's unaltered, original, and unamended record of live birth via an application, in addition to via a court order, to apply to the Center of Health Statistics to add or change the name of a biological parent on the original record of live birth. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- "Baby Scoop" era practices
- Determining parentage means
- Fix for SB 573 (2023)

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics amends or replaces records of live births when it receives an adoption report, to establish the parentage or biological paternity of a person, and when changing a person's gender or name ([ORS 432.245](#)). These can be opened only with a court order or a voluntary adoption registry-operating agency request ([ORS 432.250](#)). In 2023, Oregon Legislature passed [Senate Bill 573](#) which allowed a person to request to add their biological parent's name to their birth record when parentage is determined by DNA testing.