

## HB 3003 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds requirements to a report on child welfare that the Department of Human Services (DHS) must submit to the legislature each even-numbered year.

#### Detailed Summary:

Requires DHS to disaggregate the information in its biennial report on child welfare by race. Requires DHS to include the following information in the report, in addition to the information already required:

- The number and percentage of foster children with a parent whose parental rights have been terminated;
- The number and percentage of foster children who spent at least one night in congregate care;
- The number and percentage of foster children who spent at least one night placed in temporary lodging;
- The number and percentage of foster children who spent more than seven nights placed in temporary lodging;
- The number and percentage of dual system involved foster children; and
- The average length of time a foster child spent in foster care, disaggregated by county.

*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:

[ORS 418.036](#) requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a report to the legislature each even-numbered year with information about children in foster care. This requirement was enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 2007 through [Senate Bill 413](#). The report must include:

- The number of children in foster care;
- The number of children that have had more than one foster care placement;
- The number of placements for each child;
- The percentage of foster children placed apart from siblings;
- The number of placement changes experienced by foster children;
- The number of and percentage of children placed with relatives; and
- DHS's *Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System* annual report.

DHS's [Child Welfare Report](#) released in 2020 contains information on the data elements required in ORS 418.036. According to the report, there were 7,181 children in foster care in September 2019. 2,593 of these children had one foster care placement, and the remaining 4,588 experienced multiple placements.

According to the [2023 Child Welfare Data Book](#) (previously *the Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System*), 7,282 children spent at least one day in foster care in FFY 2023.