

HB 2019 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/5, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure designates August 25 of each year as Oregon Adoption Day. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for selecting August 25

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

National Adoption Day is an annual event typically held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving that celebrates adoptions from foster care and holds special events for adoptive families. Since its 1999 launch, more than 400 communities across the country have hosted National Adoption Day events recognizing more than 85,000 children moving from foster care to a permanent family. The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) oversees the adoption process for children adopted from foster care.

Adoptions can include re-adoption, private agency adoption, and independent adoption, including stepparent, second parent, relative, and non-related adoptions. In Oregon, according to DHS, there were a total of 483 of these types of adoptions from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, with 289 being stepparent adoptions.