

**HB 3348 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

Carrier: Rep. Kropf

**House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services****Action Date:** 03/25/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 6-0-3-0**Yeas:** 6 - Hartman, McIntire, Nosse, Ruiz, Scharf, Walters**Exc:** 3 - Elmer, Javadi, Nguyen H**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Taylor Bickel, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/18, 3/25**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure makes changes to the administration of the child support program, including allowing delivery of certain notifications and legal documents by electronic mail, rather than physical mail, if authorized by the recipient. The measure allows certain entities that authorize licenses and certificates that may be suspended by the Oregon Child Support Program to accept an individual's Federal Individual Taxpayer Identification Number if they do not have a Social Security Number. The measure changes references to "support enforcement" and "enforcing agency" to "child support" and "child support program," respectively.

Detailed Summary:**Identification for Licensing Subject to Suspension (Section 3)**

- Allows a state agency, board, or commission that issues certain licenses and certificates that may be suspended due to violations of child support orders to accept an individual's federal individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) or other federal identification if the individuals does not have a Social Security Number (SSN).

**Multiple Judgments (Section 4)**

- Specifies that a later-issued child support judgment supersedes an earlier judgment if it involves the same child and parents, and if the later-issued judgment changed the child support obligation from one parent to another but did not expressly terminate the earlier obligation.

**Child Support Program Administration, Repeals, and Conforming Amendments (Sections 5-79)**

- Defines "public assistance" and clarifies that public assistance does not include payments made by the state to or for the benefit of a child as a result of a child's removal from the parents' home if the Department of Human Services (DHS) determines that a report of abuse is unfounded.
- Permits the delivery of certain notices, orders, and other legal documents regarding child support by electronic mail or delivery, rather than by regular first class mail, if authorized by the recipient.
- Changes references to "support enforcement" and "enforcing agency" to "child support" and "child support program," respectively.
- Makes clarifying amendments.
- Repeals sections of law related to recovery of support for adjudicated youth.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment removes the designation of employees of the Oregon Child Support Program as mandatory reporters of child abuse. The amendment removes the requirement that employees of the Oregon Child Support

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Program report suspected child abuse that the employee discovers while providing program services.

### **BACKGROUND:**

[The Oregon Child Support Program](#) is a partnership between the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) and 17 county District Attorney offices to provide services and support for children who are involved in family court proceedings. Some of the services provided by the program include establishing paternity, locating a noncustodial parent, and collecting and processing child support payments. If child support payments are not collected voluntarily, the Oregon Child Support Program can take [certain actions](#) to collect payments. These actions include suspension of certain recreational, driver, and occupational licenses. [Under ORS 25.785](#), agencies and boards that issue licenses that may be suspended by the Oregon Child Support Program must record an applicant's Social Security Number (SSN) or may accept a written statement from an applicant that does not have a SSN.