

SB 1063 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/03/25

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, Nash, Prozanski, Reynolds

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Human Services (ODHS) to study options for establishing a grant program to provide resources, including relocation assistance, to parents of children who have been victims of sex abuse. The measure requires ODHS to report to the legislature by September 15, 2026. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulties in locating safe options to escape abuse and domestic violence
- Intersection of existing services that respond to allegations of abuse
- Ability of protective orders to respond to abuse and domestic violence situations
- Services provided by child advocacy centers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), approximately 10.5 percent of child abuse incidents that were founded by [Child Protective Services \(CPS\)](#) in 2023 involved sexual abuse ([Department of Human Services, 2024](#)). Among incidents of non-familial child abuse that occurred in child-caring agencies, child care providers, residential facilities, foster homes, and schools that were investigated by the [Office of Training, Investigations, and Safety \(OTIS\)](#) in 2024, sexual abuse made up 47.5 percent of reported cases ([Department of Human Services, 2025](#)). ODHS classifies the following as sexual abuse: rape of a child, criminal sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, inappropriate exposure to sexual material, and inappropriate sexual contact ([OAR 413-015-0115](#)).

Oregon law also prescribes a multidisciplinary framework for responding to incidents of child abuse, including child sexual abuse, that coordinates the efforts of ODHS, law enforcement, school officials, medical, and mental health professionals to assist abuse victims ([ORS 418.746 et seq.](#)) The Oregon Department of Justice coordinates and administers the [Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention \(CAMI\) Fund](#), which distributes resources to regional multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) and [child advocacy centers \(CACs\)](#). These entities perform forensic medical investigations and interviews with victims, as well as service coordination and referrals for families.