

HB 3003 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/22/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to include additional data in its biennial report on child welfare and requires that data in the report be disaggregated by race.

Detailed Summary:

Requires ODHS to disaggregate the information in its biennial report on child welfare by race. Requires ODHS 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of House Bill 4052 (2022)
- Data published by the Department of Human Services
- Analysis of data

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the legislature enacted [House Bill 4052](#), which directed the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to engage with community advocates to develop recommendations that address inequitable and negative health outcomes for individuals from certain racial and ethnic groups and Tribal affiliation. The [December 2023 interim report](#) included several recommendations, including that state agencies collect and report data that is disaggregated by race and ethnicity.

Under [ORS 418.036](#), the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is required to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly each even-numbered year with information about children in foster care. This requirement was enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 2007 in [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,

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- the number of and percentage of children placed with relatives, and
- the department's *Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System* annual report.

The department's most recently submitted [Child Welfare Report](#) from 2020 contains information on the data elements required by 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 (Federal Fiscal Year) 2023. Also according to the report, children from Black or African American and American Indian or Alaskan Native families are overrepresented across the state's child welfare system.

ODHS publishes reports to the legislature on its [website](#). Other reports, such as those required by federal government on usage of Title IV-E and Title IV-B funds under the Social Security Act, are also published on the department's [website](#). Additionally, reports on out-of-state placements of child welfare youth, as required by ORS 419B.335 are published [online](#). The department also reports its data to the [System of Care Advisory Council](#)'s data dashboard.