

**HB 2019 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Bonham

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 04/30/25  
**Action:** Do pass.  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr  
**Exc:** 1 - Thatcher  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30

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**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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The origin of the date August 25 being chosen
- The meaning of family
- The need to raise awareness about adoptive families and honoring families who have adopted
- How adoption can bring people together
- Whether policy work is being done regarding adoption

**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.