

# Senate Bill 741

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DHS to adopt a compensation rate structure for foster parents. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Directs the Department of Human Services to adopt a rate structure for foster parent compensation.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to foster parent compensation; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Child in care” has the meaning given that term in ORS 418.257.**

6 (b) **“Foster home” has the meaning given that term in ORS 418.625.**

7 (2) **The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule a compensation rate structure**  
8 **for an individual who maintains a foster home for a child in care, that is necessary to ensure**  
9 **that the individual is appropriately compensated to meet the needs of the child in care. The**  
10 **compensation rate structure adopted under this section must include:**

11 (a) **A minimum base rate for each child in care that is at least 90 percent of the United**  
12 **States Department of Agriculture’s most recent estimated cost to raise a child of the child**  
13 **in care’s age;**

14 (b) **Mileage reimbursement for the child in care’s transportation that is required as a**  
15 **part of the child in care’s case, including to and from visits, assessments and court ap-**  
16 **pointments;**

17 (c) **Reimbursement for actual costs incurred by the individual for child care for the child**  
18 **in care, up to the monthly maximum allowable child care costs adopted by the Division of**  
19 **Child Support of the Department of Justice;**

20 (d) **Reimbursement for actual costs incurred for up to 16 hours per month of respite**  
21 **care; and**

22 (e) **Appropriate rate enhancements for a child in care who is an infant or has exceptional**  
23 **needs.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

25 (2) **The Department of Human Services may take any action before the operative date**  
26 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the department to carry**  
27 **out section 1 of this 2025 Act and to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in**  
28 **subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the de-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **partment by section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

2 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**  
3 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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