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Current law

In Oregon, Child Protective Services (CPS) can investigate reports of abuse or neglect, offer support and resources to families, and, under certain circumstances, remove a child from their home. However, CPS cannot enter a home without permission or a court order, and they must follow specific protocols for removal.

What CPS can do:

Investigate reports: CPS must investigate every substantial report of abuse or neglect.

Offer support and resources: CPS can connect families with various resources, including financial assistance.

Meet with children: CPS can interview children, even without parental consent, to gather information about the situation.

Develop and enforce safety plans: CPS may require parents to follow specific safety plans to ensure the child's well-being.

Remove a child: CPS can remove a child from their home if there is reasonable cause to believe the child is in imminent danger.

Initiate court proceedings: If a child is removed, CPS will notify the court and request a hearing.

Conduct background checks: CPS can conduct background checks on individuals who are potential foster or adoptive parents, and household members.

What this act does:

*The Act tells the court what factors to look at when deciding whether a child is in immediate danger.

*Prescribes the factors that the court must consider when determining whether a child is in immediate danger for the purpose of granting a request for a temporary order providing for the custody of, or parenting time with, the child

*The Department of Human Services "shall study how to improve services provided to victims of child abuse in this state." (QUESTION HOW IS THIS NOT ALREADY DONE?)" The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than September 15, 2026."

(Since Section 1 was repealed... what are y'all playing at?)

Please include any and all factors that would in the new bill decide what the abuse is. Is it religious? Denying trans surgery? If so, then I STRONGLY OPPOSE.

