

HB 4042 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the regulation of child-caring agencies (CCAs) and makes specified exemptions to limitations on child care placements by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS).

Detailed Summary:

Adds placement of conditions to actions against a CCA license that ODHS must take when specified violations are found. Specifies that the definition of "mechanical restraint" does not apply to vehicle safety restraints used during the transportation of a child. Specifies circumstances permitting ODHS to place an Indian child in an out-of-state placement. Specifies circumstances permitting ODHS to place a child or ward in a congregate care residential setting that is not a CCA and situations in which placement duration limits may be exceeded. Requires child placement exceptions to be approved by ODHS division director.

Fiscal impact: *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

Revenue impact: *May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes provisions specifying circumstances in which ODHS may place an Indian Child in an out-of-state placement.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires child-caring agencies (CCAs) to be licensed. Child-caring agencies can include: academic and therapeutic boarding schools, adoption and foster care agencies, day treatment and residential treatment agencies, youth, shelters, outdoor programs, and secure transportation services. The Oregon Department of Human Services' Children's Care Licensing Program (CCLP) helps set licensing requirements and makes sure CCAs meet licensing requirements, including through site visits to CCAs.

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