



# Oregon Foster Youth C O N N E C T I O N

## Legislative History

### **2009 House Bill 3464 Assistance obtaining driving privileges**

Sponsored by Representative Buckley; Representatives Cannon, Representative Dembrow, Senator Bates

#### **SUMMARY**

Requires Department of Human Services to provide ward with assistance obtaining driving privileges as part of case plan to transition into independent living. Authorizes court review of department's delay or refusal to provide assistance. Becomes operative January 1, 2010.

### **2010 House Bill 3664 Medical assistance for individuals under 21**

Sponsored by Representative Kotek

#### **SUMMARY**

Creates new category of medical assistance for individuals under 21 years of age who, at age 18, were in foster care. Requires Department of Human Services to make application for implementing state plan amendment by March 31, 2010.

### **2011 House Bill 3471 Tuition Waiver**

Sponsored by Representatives Dembrow, Representative Wingard, Senator Haas; Representative Hunt, Senator Monnes Anderson, Senator Rosenbaum

#### **SUMMARY**

Requires state institution of higher education, community college, or Oregon Health Science University to waive tuition and fees for current or former foster child under 25 years of age. Expands college scholarship program to include current foster children.

### **2013 Senate Bill 123 Bill of Rights**

Sponsored by Senator Shields, Representative Keny-Guyer; Senator Dingfelder, Senator Rosenbaum, Representative Thompson

#### **SUMMARY**

Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to establish Oregon Foster Children's Bill of Rights. [Establishes Foster Care Ombudsman in Governor's Advocacy Office, creation of hotline to report violations, requires posting of rights in all foster care placements, and provision of all necessary documents and materials for children and youth in care].

### **2013 House Bill 2095**

Pre-session filed (at the request of Governor John A. Kitzhaber, for Oregon Student Access Commission)

#### **SUMMARY**

Relating to higher education of former foster child; amending ORS 348.270 and 351.293. [Eliminated barriers to eligibility for Tuition and Fee Waiver, including "within 3 years" provision, and reducing age of eligibility to 180 days after 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Aligns eligibility for federal Chafee funding].

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## 2015 House Bill 2889 Savings Accounts

Sponsored by the House Committee on Human Services and Housing

### SUMMARY

Requires the Department of Human Services to ensure that a child who is 12 years of age or older, of whom the department has had custody for a minimum of six consecutive months, is entitled to assistance from the department to establish a savings account at a financial institution. The consent of the child's parent, guardian or foster parent, or of any other person having legal custody of the child, is not necessary.

## 2015 House Bill 2890 Extracurricular Activities

Sponsored by the House Committee on Human Services and Housing

### SUMMARY

Requires Department of Human Services to ensure that substitute care providers for child or ward in care or custody of department provide opportunities to participate in *at least one ongoing* extracurricular activity and apply reasonable and prudent parent standard in determining participation. Requires department and substitute care providers to confer to determine responsibility for payment of fee or charge related to participation in extracurricular activity. Provides that summer camp or religious services alone do not satisfy extracurricular activity requirement.

## 2017 House Bill 2216 Foster Children's Sibling Bill of Rights

Representative Piluso, Senator Gelser, Representative McLain; Representative Hack, Representative Hayden, Representative Keny-Guyer, Representative Noble, Representative Nosse, Representative Olson, Representative Sanchez, Representative Smith, Representative Smith Warner, Representative Sollman, Representative Stark, Representative Whisnant, Senator Olsen

### SUMMARY

Requires Department of Human Services to adopt rules to establish Oregon Foster Children's Sibling Bill of Rights.

## 2021 House Bill 2340\* Investing in the Independent Living Program

Representative Sanchez, Representative Leif, Representative Moore-Green, Representative Noble, Representative Wilde

### SUMMARY

Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services for transition services for current foster children and former foster children.

\*this started as OFYC's bill in 2019 (SB 745), and then OFYC's bill in 2020 (HB 4120), and then brought back by others in 2021.

## 2021 House Bill 2505 Removing Bias from Child Welfare

Representative Sanchez, Representative Stark, Representative Williams, Representative Alonso Leon, Representative Bynum, Representative Campos, Representative Dexter, Representative Grayber, Representative Helm, Representative Kropf, Representative Leif, Representative Neron, Representative Noble, Representative Power, Representative Schouten, Representative Sollman, Representative Wilde, Senator Gelser

### SUMMARY

Directs Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission to establish Child Welfare Equity Advisory Committee to advise commission and Department of Human Services regarding equitable provision of child welfare services. Requires commission to report recommendations of committee and steps taken by commission and department to implement committee's recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly on or before September 1 of each even-numbered year. Directs Department of Human Services to provide staff support, including full-time equivalent policy analyst, for Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission. Increases number of members on commission from 11 to 13.