

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4156**

Ordered by the House February 20  
Including House Amendments dated February 20

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

**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.

Authorizes Department of Human Services to appear as party in juvenile court proceeding without appearance of Attorney General at any [*uncontested*] hearing **held after hearing on jurisdictional petition required by specified statute**, and any [*hearing*] **proceeding** where district attorney [*appears on behalf of*] **represents** state and positions of department and state are not in conflict.

*[Directs court to order reasonable continuance of hearing that was not initially contested, but that becomes contested, to allow department time to obtain assistance of district attorney or legal representation of Attorney General.]*

Sunsets [*January 2, 2016*] **June 30, 2015.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to appearance by attorney in juvenile court proceedings; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2014 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 419B.800 to**  
5 **419B.929.**

6 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 9.320, 180.060 and 180.220, and subject**  
7 **to ORS 9.160, in a proceeding under this chapter, the Department of Human Services may**  
8 **appear without the Attorney General at:**

9 (1) Any hearing held after the hearing required under ORS 419B.305 has been held; and

10 (2) Any proceeding where the district attorney represents the state, provided the posi-  
11 tions of the department and the state are not in conflict with respect to issues raised for  
12 consideration or determination in the proceeding.

13 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2014 Act is repealed on June 30, 2015.**

14 **SECTION 4. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**  
16 **on its passage.**

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**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.