

# House Bill 2500

Sponsored by Representative SMITH D, Senator ROBLAN (at the request of former Representative Wayne Krieger)  
(Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Directs Department of Human Services to develop and implement training and continuing education curriculum for department caseworkers that informs and instructs caseworkers on their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings. Requires curriculum to include presentations by judges and certain attorneys and to address circumstances under which caseworker may be engaging in unlicensed practice of law. Requires continuing education for caseworkers every two years.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to mandated training for Department of Human Services caseworkers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a**  
5 **training and continuing education curriculum for persons who are employed by the depart-**  
6 **ment as caseworkers that informs and instructs caseworkers about their roles in juvenile**  
7 **dependency proceedings for children and wards whose matters the caseworkers have re-**  
8 **sponsibility for or for whom the caseworker provides services.**

9 (2) The curriculum shall include instruction and materials presented by judges and at-  
10 torneys with expertise in juvenile dependency and delinquency proceedings, including but not  
11 limited to public defense attorneys, district attorneys and attorneys with the office of the  
12 Attorney General. The curriculum shall, in particular, address circumstances under which  
13 a caseworker may be engaging in the unlicensed practice of law and shall describe the pa-  
14 rameters of the role that a caseworker may play in courtroom proceedings.

15 (3) The department shall require caseworkers to participate in continuing education at  
16 least once every two years that updates caseworkers on their roles in juvenile dependency  
17 proceedings.  
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