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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute X

Date Prepared: 2025-03-07
Bill No: SB305

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	100.0	Non-recurring	

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0					

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

This is a substitute for SB305, which proposes the creation of a Quality Foster Parent Recruitment Task Force and mandates the submission of a final report. The task force will be convened and administered by the Children, Youth, and Families Department and will consist of 16 members. The appointments to the task force will be as follows:

- * One member appointed by the Governor
- * One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- * One member appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives
- * One member appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore
- * One member appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate
- * One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- * One member representing the Kevin S. settlement agreement
- * One member representing service providers
- * One member representing foster families
- * One young person with lived experience
- * One member representing juvenile justice stakeholders
- * One member who is a tribal member with lived experience
- * One at-large representative
- * One member who is a relative/kinship caregiver
- * One member from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or expansive community
- * One member from a rural county, appointed by the Children, Youth, and Families Department

Appointments will be made by August 1, 2025, and the task force must complete its work by July 1, 2026.

The task force will collaborate with a higher education institution to conduct research that supports its work and will conduct a comprehensive study of proven successful models, including Utah Senate Bill 163. The public members of the task force will receive a per diem and mileage reimbursement for their participation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB305 appropriates \$100.0 for FY26.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB305 does not define what a "bold" experiment is.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The children, youth and families department would continue to utilize the special appropriations/Gro appropriations that were allotted to the department to pilot and implement new strategies for recruitment and retention of resource homes and treatment foster care homes. Currently, the department is working with

other states who have had success in models relating to foster parent recruitment and retention. The department has also contracted with a provider to certify CYFD staff, TFC agencies, and tribal partners in the evidence based pre-service training curriculum. The department would also continue to use the Gro appropriations for advance marketing and outreach that is currently being conducted.

AMENDMENTS

None.