

# Senate Bill 1515 Stakeholder Engagement

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to providing the general public, and individuals and organizations affected by proposed changes in Oregon Administrative Rule an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

Senate Bill 1515 was signed into law in April 2016. The legislation is designed to make residential care safer for children and youth. It changes the way DHS regulates child caring agencies (CCA) and responds to reports of abuse or neglect to ensure children are safe and well cared for. Given the short timeframe available to implement SB 1515, and the urgent need to extend the bill's protections to children, DHS adopted temporary rules that became effective July 1, 2016.

The temporary rules are in place to protect children, DHS now begins the permanent rulemaking process which will provide even more opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage in the process. The table below provides a timeline for this process and highlights the timeframes in which we will be seeking input from stakeholders.

<b>Emergency Rulemaking</b>	
May 24	Distribute SB 1515 "Rules Roadmap"
June 9	Hold external stakeholder meeting #1
July 1	Distribute temporary rules
<b>Permanent Rulemaking</b>	
July 20	Hold external stakeholder meeting #2 and ask for 10 Rule Advisory Committee participants
Aug 1	Post stakeholder meeting minutes on SB 1515 webpage
Aug 1 - 15	Incorporate stakeholder feedback into rules
Aug 16	Distribute updated proposed permanent draft rules to RAC members
Aug 29	Hold all day RAC meeting
Aug 27 - Sept 14	Incorporate RAC feedback into rules
Sept 22	Distribute updated proposed permanent draft rules to the public, legislators, and stakeholders and open written comment period
Oct 17	Hold public rulemaking hearing from 10 am to noon
Oct 21	Close of written comment period
Oct 22 - mid-Nov	Incorporate public comments into rules
TBD	Permanently adopt rules