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**Report to the Legislature  
ORS 418.319  
Goal Regarding Placed Children Receiving Federal Assistance  
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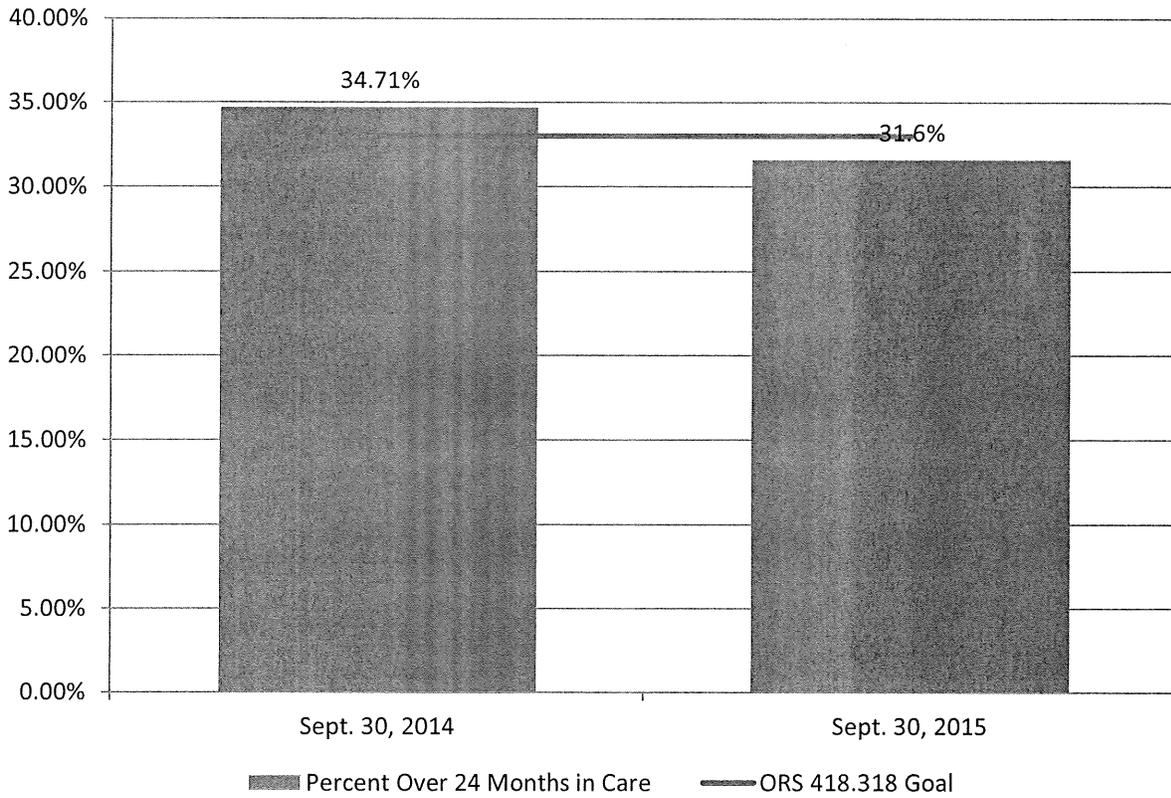
**Chapter 418.319 Oregon Laws Legislative Report for 2016**

The Department of Human Services is submitting the following data to the Legislature as required by ORS 418.319. This report relates to children in the Department's Child Foster Care Program. The law sets a goal for the Department to have no more than 33 percent of IV-E Eligible foster children with lengths of stay over 24 months.

On the last day of September 2014, 34.71 percent of Title IV-E Eligible Foster children were in care for 24 or more months. By September 30, 2015 this figure reduced to 31.6 percent. This measure exceeds the goal of 33.0 in 2014 by 1.41 percent but is short of the goal in 2015 by 1.4 percent.

The Department would request a reconsideration of the need for this report and ORS 418.319. In 1983 ORS 418.319 was created at a time when few data or outcome measures were being obtained and the Federal Title IV-E program was relatively new as a funding mechanism for Child Welfare. Thirty years later there are a number of other data reports and outcomes being reported to the Legislature for monitoring, review and consideration. It would be the opinion of the Department that ORS 418.319 no longer adds value to the Legislative review process and should be rescinded.

### Point in time IV-E Eligible Children in Foster Care with $\geq 24$ Months in Care vs. Goal



Respectfully submitted,

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