

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Replaces the term “child” with “ward” in Oregon’s Dependency Code, ORS 419B, when a person under the age of 19 is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and thus a “ward” of the court.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarification
- Ward of the court

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: For the purposes of Oregon’s juvenile code, a “ward” means “a person within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100.” To be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, a person is someone under age 18 years of age and: (a) Who is beyond the control of the person’s parents, guardian or other person having custody of the person; (b) Whose behavior is such as to endanger the welfare of the person or other person; (c) Whose condition or circumstances are such as to endanger the welfare of the person or others; (d) Who is dependent for care and support on a public or private child-caring agency that needs the services of the court in planning for the best interest of the person; (e) Whose parents have abandoned the child, failed to provide care and education, subjected the person to cruelty, or failed to provide the person with the care, guidance and physical protection needed for the person’s well being; or (f) Who has run away from home. When a person is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, he or she is a “ward” of the juvenile court.