Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2232 A CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No Revenue Impact
Action Date:	05/07/15
Action:	Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.
Meeting Dates:	04/23, 05/07
Vote:	
	Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to appoint advisory committee on coordination of statewide services for homeless and unaccompanied youth. Specifies committee role and composition. Requires DHS submit annual report to legislature by September 15. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of advocacy groups working in collaboration with state
- Homeless youth most likely population to be victimized
- Need for systemic strategic plan

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) was made responsible for coordinating statewide planning for runaway and homeless youth in 2011; however, no statewide plan yet exists.

House Bill 2232-A creates an advisory committee to inform decision making and coordination of comprehensive services for homeless and runaway youth. The advisory committee includes persons with expertise in housing, mental health, addiction, sex trafficking, child welfare and law enforcement. The measure further requires DHS to report to the legislature annually on its progress.