

HB 2940 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates exception to 28-day time limit for detention of youth if request for waiver hearing is pending. Removes the detention timelines for youth subject to waiver hearings and replaces them with mandatory 30-day status hearings. Allows for any youth to waive their detention hearing or status hearing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly enacted SB 1008, which created significant changes in the way that youth who commit Measure 11 crimes are treated in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Specifically, it ended the automatic prosecution of 15-, 16-, and 17-year-olds as adults for Measure 11 offenses, authorized conditional release hearings for youth offenders under specified circumstances, and prohibited the imposition of a life sentence on youth offenders. After SB 1008's passage, the Office of Governor Kate Brown convened an implementation work group. As part of its charge, the group examined whether any legislative changes were necessary to better support the implementation of SB 1008. This measure is a product of that process.

HB 2940 creates an exception to the 28-day limit for detaining youth under certain circumstances and allows a youth to waive detention review hearings if the court conducts case reviews every 30-days.