

SB 436 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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Meeting Dates: 1/25, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies terminology by changing statutory references to "youth offender" to "adjudicated youth." Defines "adjudicated youth."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Designed to reduce ambiguity
- Will change the language Oregon Youth Authority uses in its rules, policies
- Length of bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) is part of Oregon's juvenile justice system. OYA serve youth who are either on parole or probation in the community, or inside secure facilities. OYA is responsible for youth ages 12 to 24 who commit crimes before age 18. They work with youth who are unsuccessful at the county level, who need more services than the county can provide, or who commit very serious crimes. Currently the OYA uses a variety of terminology when referring to youth in the custody of OYA.

SB 436 would modify terminology by changing statutory references to "youth offender" to "adjudicated youth."