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OJDDA Supports House Bill 2939

The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) supports statutory amendments to clarify the venue for juvenile proceedings subject to waiver hearing and authorizing certain youth who are less than 20 years of age to be admitted to a youth correctional facility.

OJDDA was an active participant in efforts to reform Measure 11 as it relates to youth and to pass Senate Bill 1008 in the spring of 2019. We have remained fully engaged in the Governor's SB1008 Implementation Steering Committee, and are proud of the collaboration that has taken place among stakeholders to identify ongoing issues as well as possible solutions related to the effective implementation of SB1008.

SB 2939 fixes two concerns that the Implementation Team identified.

- Presently the Oregon Juvenile Code allows for juvenile delinquency proceedings to take place either in the county where the alleged act occurred or in the county where the youth resides. This bill articulates that juvenile proceedings that are subject to a waiver hearing shall take place in the county where the alleged act was committed. Conducting these particular hearings, which are complex and intense, in proximity to where the alleged act occurred makes sense from a process perspective and also allows easier access to meaningful participation by victims.
- Current law prohibits an adjudicated youth from being committed to a youth correctional facility after they turn 19 years of age. This bill allows for youth who are adjudicated for an act that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime under ORS 137.707, to be committed to a youth correctional facility up until they turn 20 years of age. This extension is needed in these specific cases due to the length of time that it can take to resolve/adjudicate them, and also to ensure youth are not waived to adult court simply because there is not sufficient time for them to continue to be served by the juvenile system.

OJDDA urges your support for House Bill 2939.

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