

# Juvenile Expunction Reform

# BREAK BARRIERS THAT KEEP YOUTH FROM MOVING FORWARD support SB 575

When youth have contact with the juvenile justice system, records are created. Some information in the records is publicly available and can create barriers to youth success.



## EDUCATION

Juvenile records can limit **access to college** and can **influence school enrollment** decisions.



## EMPLOYMENT

Even **arrest records** can appear on **criminal history checks**, limiting employment and professional licensure.



## EQUITY

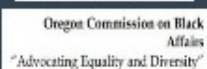
**Youth of color are disproportionately impacted.** Research shows that juvenile records are more debilitating to youth of color than their white peers.



## COST EFFICIENT

These **collateral consequences cost taxpayers.** These costs come in the form of lost wages and increased justice system expenditures.

- Developed through consensus workgroup
- Passed out of Sen. Judiciary and Capital Construction Committees unanimously (SB 1573B (2020))



### *This bill does:*

- automatically expunge the records of young people who have never been found within juvenile court jurisdiction but have at least one "contact" (a report of behavior that could have resulted in juvenile court involvement).
- allow a young person seeking expungement to request appointed counsel before beginning the application process, rather than waiting until the District Attorney objects to the application. Young people won't have to fill out the complex paperwork by themselves and will be able to get advice about eligibility before they start the process.

### *This bill does not:*

- reduce the legal requirements that young people must meet to get their juvenile records expunged



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