HB 2372 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Placeholder measure. Directs the Oregon Youth Authority to study issues related to youth.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies statutory purpose and duties of Youth Development Commission (YDC) and Youth Development Division (YDC). Clarifies YDC's role related to funding processes. Expands funding prioritization of the YDC. Clarifies collaborative relationship between YDC and YDD related to statewide youth reengagement system. Modifies authority of YDC and clarifies YDC may direct distribution of funding by YDD and that YDC may delegate responsibilities to the YDD. Expands YDC's duties related to review of high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans to include federally recognized Indian tribes. Modifies requirements for local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans. Directs YDC to allocate funding to federally recognized Indian tribes to support tribal high-risk juvenile prevention plans. Specifies process to determine allocation of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Development Council (YDC) was created through legislation in 2012 to support Oregon's education system by developing state policy and administering funding to community and school-based youth development programs, services, and initiatives for youth ages 6-24 in a manner that supports educational success and career and workforce development, focuses on crime prevention, and reduces high risk behavior. In 2013, the legislature established the Youth Development Division (YDD) within the Oregon Department of Education, under the direction of the YDC. YDC and YDD coordinate to develop and fund programs, services and initiatives for vulnerable and resilient youth that reduce barriers to education, ensure employment success, expand access to positive activities, and build social, emotional and mental health skills and competencies.

If amended by the -1 amendment, House Bill 2372 would update the YDC's statutory purpose and duties of the YDC and to expand the YDC's focus on provision of workforce development and other career readiness related programming. It expands funding prioritization to services that are supported by culturally specific and traditional practices and other emerging models and directs the YDC to collaborate with the YDD to coordinate the statewide youth reengagement system. The measure directs the YDC to consult or communicate with federally recognized Indian tribes, in addition to the Oregon Youth Authority and county juvenile departments, to adopt rules related to local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans. The measure would also add several statutory duties related to funding, compliance monitoring, program development, engaging in administrative functions, increasing youth participation in youth development programs, and ensuring that services are delivered in an equitable, accountable and effective manner. Finally, the measure modifies the requirements for local high-risk juvenile crime prevention DRS 417.855 and directs the YDC to allocate funding to federally recognized Indian tribes in addition to eligible counties.