

Support SB 519: Juvenile Expunction Reform

Helping Youth Move Forward
Through Access to Oregon's
Expunction Process



Records are created when youth are investigated or have contact with the juvenile court. Some information in these records is publicly available and creates barriers to success for otherwise qualified individuals. These barriers are called collateral consequences.

EDUCATION



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

EMPLOYMENT



Even investigation or arrest records can appear on a background check, **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 to their White peers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & COST EFFECTIVE



Joblessness is the number one contributor to recidivism. **Collateral consequences also cost taxpayers.** The costs come in the form of lost wages and increased justice system expenditures.

SB 519 Does:

- Continue the juvenile expunction reform started by SB 575 (2021).
- Automatically expunge the records of youth who have been found within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for a misdemeanor or violation.
- Address unreasonable waiting periods to seek expunction.
- Eliminate court appointed counsel fees in expunction cases consistent with the intent of SB 817 (2021).

SB 519 Does Not:

- Change which juvenile offenses are eligible for expunction.



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