

SB 816 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Prepared By: Abby Shearer, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds a definition of youth for purposes of the measure and requires county judicial departments to develop local diversion plans for services needed to divert youths and adjudicated youths from commitment to youth correction facilities. It directs the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to develop rules for the administration and coordination of local juvenile diversion plans and juvenile crime prevention basic services. Finally, the measure requires OYA to consult with county juvenile departments regarding high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans and juvenile diversion plans.

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law directs the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and county juvenile departments to collaborate on diverting youth from correctional facilities to community-based services. ORS 420.017 requires juvenile departments to develop diversion plans that outline necessary services and administrative processes, including procedures for preliminary parole revocation hearings. OYA oversees and coordinates these local diversion plans and juvenile crime prevention services, which may include detention and other juvenile department functions. The statute also directs OYA, in consultation with county juvenile departments and the Youth Development Division, to adopt rules that align high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans with local diversion efforts. Senate Bill 816 modifies ORS 420.017 by requiring each juvenile department to develop a local diversion plan. The measure authorizes OYA to make rules for administration and coordination of juvenile diversion and crime prevention services. The measure also requires OYA to consult with county juvenile departments regarding high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans and juvenile diversion plans.