

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/2, 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits employees of Oregon Youth Authority who have custody, control or supervision of youth offenders from striking.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure applies to approximately 100 Oregon Youth Authority employees throughout the state
- Employees covered under the measure serve the same clientele as employees in the Department of Corrections who are not permitted to strike
- Measure does not apply to local government employees who perform similar duties
- Different terminologies for 911 operators throughout statute and measures; i.e. “telecommunicator” versus “emergency telephone worker”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 2622 expands upon ORS 243.736 (strikes by certain emergency and public safety personnel) to add Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) employees who have custody, control, or supervision of youth offenders in OYA custody. The statute currently prohibits emergency telephone workers (911 operators), parole and probation officers who supervise adult offenders, police officers, firefighters, or guards at a correctional institution or mental health hospital from striking.

OYA employees who are included in the measure’s provisions perform many of the same duties as parole and probation officers who supervise adult offenders. An example of an employee covered under HB 2622 are juvenile parole and probation officers, case managers for youth who are under OYA custody and are responsible for supervising and coordinating case plans and services, as well as working with the offender and his/her family and the community.