

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to perform an audit of no fewer than four counties each biennium during 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 biennia. Requires the SOS to submit to the Legislative Assembly a report containing audits of the county juvenile departments audited and include recommendations for the most efficient collection of future audit data. Requires the SOS to pay costs associated with auditing of counties from available funds or appropriations. Effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for better data
- Should not judge a system on antidotal comments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Counties are required to appoint a director of the county juvenile department (see ORS 419A.010). The director must: (1) Investigate every child brought before the juvenile court in the county; (2) Be present in court to represent the interests of the child when the case is heard; (3) Furnish such information and assistance as the court requires; and (4) Take charge of any child before and after a court hearing as may be directed by the court. A county juvenile department is a county agency, and the county is responsible for the cost of maintaining a juvenile department. Nonetheless, the Oregon Youth Authority assists counties in funding juvenile departments. Also, county juvenile programs currently are subject to state audit by the Secretary of State.