74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: SB 273 A CARRIER: CONSENT

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Komp, Krieger, Read, Macpherson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Flores, Whisnant
Prepared By:	Bill Taylor, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the State Court Administrator to grant access to case calendars, case registers and other case information that is kept in electronic form and that is otherwise not open to public inspection. Requires that any person granted access to records under this measure must preserve the confidentiality of the records. Requires the State Court Administrator to prescribe standards and procedures for access to case information. Repeals the sunset provision, thus making permanent the 2003 Oregon law allowing the Crook-Jefferson County circuit court (22nd Judicial District) to enter into an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs regarding juvenile offenders who are tribal members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Information not available to the public but available to certain specified persons such as attorneys for parties to the proceedings
- Sunset provision

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Judicial Information Network (OJIN) has computer records of juvenile dependency and delinquency cases as well as other court records. Only parties to the juvenile proceedings have access to the dependency and delinquency records relating to their respective cases unlike the rest of the OJIN system which is accessible to the public. The purpose of this legislation is to clarify the State Court Administrator's authority to make rules governing access to this information.

The 2003 Legislative Assembly authorized the Crook-Jefferson County circuit court to enter into an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to waive juvenile offenders to their tribal court. This measure had a provision that repealed this provision January 2, 2006. The 2005 Legislative Assembly extended the sunset provision to January 2, 2010.