74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick

Nays: 0 Exc.: Bever

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Meeting Dates: 4/19

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 Warm Spring Tribes regarding juvenile offenders who are tribal members.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 273 A

Sen. Kruse

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Handling of juvenile offenders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The amendments are the bill.

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 Warm Springs Tribes to waive juvenile offenders to the tribal court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. This measure had a provision that repealed this provision January 2, 2006. The 2005 Legislative Assembly extended out the sunset provision to January 2, 2010.