

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Prozanski
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Justice or a district attorney to request that the Department of Revenue collect past due child support from obligor's tax refund when obligor's child is incarcerated in closed custody facility of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Obligation of parent to pay child support when child in custody of OYA

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The federal government pays two-thirds of the costs for children receiving support enforcement. The State of Oregon pays the other third. If a parent owes child support and fails to pay child support, Oregon has a right to collect child support from the obligor parent, including when the child is in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority. However, the federal government will not reimburse the state if the child is in closed custody facility of the Oregon Youth Authority. This bill would allow Oregon to reach the income tax refund of parents whose child is in closed custody.