

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Freeman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays:

Exc: G. Smith

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 18, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: This bill enacts the Interstate Compact for Juvenile Offenders, which governs the supervision of juvenile offenders and runaways. This compact replaces the original compact that Oregon has been a member of since 1959. The compact sets forth how states work together to when juvenile offenders are supervised and returned to their state of origin.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Old compact outdated; new compact result of collaborative effort and reflects changes in technology
- 37 states are members of the Compact and 4 more states have pending legislation
- Agency needs the bill even if dedicated resources are not available; if OYA is not a member the agency will need to sign agreements with each state individually, which will also have a cost

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon is currently a member of an interstate compact that regulates the interstate supervision of juvenile offenders and juvenile runaways. Oregon has been a member of this compact since 1959. This compact is set forth in ORS 417.010 to 471.080. This compact will expire in December of 2009.

Every year approximately 1,500 juvenile offenders or runaways have either come to Oregon or left Oregon. These offenders are subject to the compact. This new compact sets forth how these juveniles are supervised or returned. By December 2009, Oregon will either have to join the compact or enter into agreements with the other 49 states if it wishes to maintain the ability to monitor juvenile offenders and runaways moving in and out of the state.

In addition to being a state law, an interstate compact is a contract among and between the states who are parties to the agreement. Consequently, a state may not unilaterally change the material terms of the contract by changing state law.