

House Bill 2299

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes county court, through juvenile department director, to release youths and youth offenders from detention facility under certain circumstances. Exempts county court and its officers and employees from liability for good faith release of youths and youth offenders.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to detention facilities; amending ORS 419A.055.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419A.055 is amended to read:

5 419A.055. [*The county court or board of commissioners of a county may institute an examination*
6 *of the county's juvenile detention facility and establish its capacity in accordance with constitutional*
7 *standards. If a county court or board of commissioners adopts a capacity limit and that limit is ex-*
8 *ceeded, the county, through the juvenile department director, shall immediately notify the judge of the*
9 *juvenile court who shall authorize the release of a sufficient number of detainees to reduce the popu-*
10 *lation of the detention facility to the established capacity.]*

11 **(1) As used in this section:**

12 **(a) "Contracting county" means a county that contracts with another county or a re-**
13 **gional juvenile detention correctional facility to place youths and youth offenders in a de-**
14 **tention facility in another county or in a regional juvenile detention correctional facility.**

15 **(b) "County court" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.100.**

16 **(2) The county court of a county may:**

17 **(a) Institute an examination of the county's detention facility and establish its capacity**
18 **in accordance with constitutional standards; and**

19 **(b) Issue an order establishing the capacity of the county's detention facility.**

20 **(3)(a) A county court of a county may adopt standards for releasing youths and youth**
21 **offenders when the capacity of the detention facility is exceeded.**

22 **(b) A county court of a contracting county may adopt standards for releasing youths and**
23 **youth offenders when the number of youths or youth offenders requiring placement in a de-**
24 **tention facility in another county or in a regional juvenile detention correctional facility ex-**
25 **ceeds the number of youths and youth offenders for whose placement the contracting county**
26 **has contracted.**

27 **(4) If a county court issues an order establishing the capacity of the detention facility**
28 **and that capacity is exceeded, the county court, through the juvenile department director**
29 **of that county, may release a sufficient number of youths or youth offenders to reduce the**
30 **population of the detention facility to the established capacity.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(5) If the number of youths and youth offenders requiring placement in a detention fa-**
2 **ility in another county or in a regional juvenile detention correctional facility exceeds the**
3 **number for whose placement the contracting county has contracted, the county court of the**
4 **contracting county, through the juvenile department director of the contracting county, may**
5 **release a sufficient number of youths or youth offenders who have been placed in a detention**
6 **facility in another county or in a regional juvenile detention correctional facility to reduce**
7 **the number of youths and youth offenders to the number for whose placement the con-**
8 **tracting county has contracted.**

9 **(6)(a) The county court of a county, through the juvenile department director of the**
10 **county, shall immediately notify the judge of the juvenile court of the county of the release**
11 **of the youths or youth offenders.**

12 **(b) The county court of a contracting county, through the juvenile department director**
13 **of the contracting county, shall immediately notify the judge of the juvenile court of the**
14 **contracting county of the release of the youths or youth offenders.**

15 **(7) The county court of a county or of a contracting county and all officers and employ-**
16 **ees of the county court of the county or of the contracting county are immune from civil**
17 **or criminal liability for any good faith release of youths or youth offenders under this sec-**
18 **tion.**

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