

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Garrett, Holvey, Hunt, Olson

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Meeting Dates: 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows educational programs under Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) and Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP) to award high school diplomas and alternative certificates; implement assessment system; administer national assessment; participate in the Oregon Teacher Corps program; and participate in other programs under Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provision of education services to incarcerated youth
- Incentives for youth to obtain diplomas
- Uniform treatment of education providers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Youth Corrections/Juvenile Detention Education Programs (YCEP/JDEP) are focused on those youth who are either incarcerated, detained for a crime, or awaiting placement determination. There are ten YCEP programs and fourteen JDEP programs under contract with the Department of Education (ODE). Currently, ODE contracts with school districts and education service districts (ESDs) to provide educational services to the programs.

Proponents state that opportunities and activities available in the general education provided by school districts are added incentives for students to seek diplomas during incarceration and serve to encourage further education and training. Senate Bill 22 requires that YCEP/JDEP youth have access to the same curricula as their peers as well as instruction similar to what they would be experiencing educationally had they remained in their home school districts. Additionally, the measure requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules and standards for YCEP and JDEP operations that allow a school district or ESD under contract to award high school diplomas, modified diplomas, extended diplomas and alternative certificates; implement an assessment system; administer a national assessment; participate in the Oregon Teacher Corps program; participate in the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program; and receive funds under ORS chapter 329.

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