

**Jim Thompson  
State Representative  
District 23**



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
900 COURT STREET NW H-388  
SALEM, OR 97301**

**Representative Carolyn Tomei  
Chair  
House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
Oregon State Legislature**

**Re: HB 2392 as amended**

**Dear Representative Tomei;**

**I am asking the committee to vote for a do pass recommendation on HB 2392, the Youth Development Council.**

**In Polk County several programs are dependent upon the use of the funds represented in this legislation. One very important youth program is the Sanction Court where we use the Juvenile Crime Prevention funds represented in the bill. The success of the program is something we definitely need to keep going for Polk County youth.**

**Another funding stream called Youth Investment has traditionally come to the Polk County which has been used as a critical component for the Mentor Program at Whitworth Elementary school. Both the Sanction Court and Mentor programs are proven prevention models.**

**House Bill 2392 will help ensure an equitable and fair distribution of youth development and prevention funds to all parts of Oregon to use those funds locally for juvenile crime prevention efforts the way that works for our county but still within the overall YDC plan.**

**Thank you**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Thompson".

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