

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/6, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Corrections to make grants to counties for the purposes of providing reentry services to youth under age 19 years old. Establishes that the services that could be provided include transitional housing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Well run reentry programs reduce recidivism rates

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A juvenile convicted of a Measure 11 offense is sentenced to the legal custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, but placed in an Oregon Youth Authority facility. Most of these youth have difficulty readjusting to life outside the institution when released. Many do not have a place to live. Research shows that providing services, including housing, substantially reduce the chances of these youth re-offending. The cost savings associated with the reduction of recidivism is significantly greater than the costs of the re-entry program.