

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) recommend policies to integrate the services and support system for runaway and homeless youth who are 0 through 17 years of age and for youth who are 18 through 20 years of age who continue to be or who become homeless. Authorizes DHS to enter into contracts with providers of services to youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Youth who are at risk of becoming homeless
- Coordinating and integrating services
- Continuation of support and services for youth who are 18 through 20 years of age
- Runaway and homeless youth data

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: National studies report an increase in homeless and runaway youth during the recession. Over the last decade, many states have adopted a number of policies to address runaway and homeless youth. Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs state that Oregon's runaway and homeless providers serve 20,509 youth annually.

House Bill 3244-A modifies the Department of Human Services and Child Welfare system to recommend consistent policies for service and support of foster youth and homeless youth.