

**OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 4134**

The Association of Oregon Counties represents all 36 counties, who receive juvenile crime prevention dollars to fund a number of successful programs for at-risk youth. These dollars fund programs such as teen court, diversion, truancy-reduction, and counselors. The success of these evidence-based programs has saved the public safety system millions of dollars.

AOC appreciates the work of the Youth Development Council and the Governor in the efforts to improve services that are provided to Oregon's youth. However, we are opposed to the changes proposed in HB 4134.

With many counties facing financial distress and limited resources in other counties, a competitive grant process would put these successful county-run programs at-risk.

We appreciate some of the efforts to delay implementation and convene a more comprehensive work group to study the impacts on counties and the programs that affect the youth in our community. We remain committed to providing the best possible services with the best outcomes for these at-risk youth.

AOC is joined by the Oregon State Sheriffs Association and the Oregon District Attorneys Association in opposition to HB 4134.

Thank you for your consideration.

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