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## **Oregon's Juvenile Department Directors Support House Bill 4037**

**HB 4037 will promote the successful transition of 16 and 17 year old youth from local facilities who have been convicted of Measure 11 or waived on other adult charges**

This bill allows these youth to be taken directly to a youth correctional facility for intake purposes, rather than first going to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, an institution for adult offenders. Currently, youth may be transitioned youth from a local juvenile detention facility, then to an adult prison facility for intake, and then finally to a youth correctional facility.

**HB 4037 further promotes the policy choices adopted by the State of Oregon when it comes to youth who have been convicted of adult charges**

As a state, Oregon has made the policy choice to incarcerate these same juveniles in youth correction facilities, rather than adult prisons, until they complete their sentences or reach the age of 25, and House Bill 4037 is in alignment with that policy choice. Under this bill, youth who are awaiting resolution of their adult cases can receive age-appropriate services in an environment consisting of juvenile justice professionals who are knowledgeable about adolescent development and trained to deal with behavioral issues. This approach is in keeping with validated "best practices" for working with adolescent.

**HB 4037 promotes greater collaboration between the Department of Corrections, Oregon Youth Authority, Sheriffs, and Juvenile Departments**

House Bill 4037 is permissive rather than mandatory in terms of transportation of youth and intake procedures for older juveniles. This bill provides an opportunity for agreements to be reached that could lead to protocols which reflect greater consistency with policy choices our State and local communities have already made. This could in turn enhance the successful transition of youth who are serving adult sentences in youth correctional facilities.

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