

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Krieger, Lininger, Tomei, Williamson, Barker

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Olson

**Prepared By:** Alex Britain, Law Clerk

**Meeting Dates:** 2/6, 2/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes county sheriff to designate either county juvenile departments or Oregon Youth Authority for transportation of youth offenders directly to youth corrections facility.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Concerns for safety and development of youth offenders in adult prisons
- Current transportation and holding practices
- Details of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** All youth offenders between the ages of 15 and 17 that are convicted of a Measure 11 offense are sentenced as adults. Youth offenders can serve their sentences at either an adult correctional facility or at Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). County sheriffs' departments have the responsibility of transporting youth offenders. Sheriffs' departments employ a uniform process for prisoner transfer throughout the state; all new inmates go through intake procedures at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Currently, this results in youth offenders temporarily being incarcerated alongside adult prisoners while they await transfer to OYA.

House Bill 4037 will grant sheriffs' departments authority to delegate the initial transfer of youth offenders to the county juvenile departments or OYA. This will result in directly transferring youth offenders to OYA without the need to first process them through an adult correctional facility.