

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Dembrow, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Close
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Meeting Dates: 2/20

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:

- Youth should not be housed with adults
- Recidivism rates
- Smaller counties make transfer agreements with the Department of Corrections and Oregon Youth Authority

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: All youth offenders between the ages of 15 and 17 years of age 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.