



## **Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association**

*Representing Oregon's County Juvenile Departments*

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**The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) supports HB 2367**, which establishes a Collateral Consequences Commission and the requirement of notice of collateral consequences to juvenile defendants.

Navigating the criminal justice system as a defendant is a confusing and challenging process for most individuals. The challenges are magnified for adolescents, who have limited life experiences and whose brain development is not yet complete. Many young people focus on the immediate, with little comprehension of long-term impacts. Throughout our legal, social and organizational systems, there are many consequences that attach to youth when they are adjudicated for certain offenses. An individual's access to certain licenses or jobs can be impacted. Their ability to obtain or keep public housing may be lost. They may have restricted access to public education and even higher education. There is a possibility of dozens, if not hundreds of different consequences that may attach to an adjudication. Some of these consequences last many years. Some last a life time.

This is why it is critical that young people have the opportunity to be fully informed of the long-term impacts of any admission they make on delinquent charges in the Juvenile Court. HB 2367 establishes the Collateral Consequences Commission to compile and publish the list of collateral consequences convicted adults and adjudicated juveniles face in Oregon. It requires effective notice be given to youth at the time of summons, that the court confirm that the youth and parent have received notice and that they have had an opportunity to discuss it with counsel. It requires that notice be given again at the time of adjudication, notice that there may be ways to obtain relief from collateral consequences and the sharing of contact information for agencies that offer assistance in seeking relief from consequences. Notice is to be given again by Oregon Youth Authority prior to the youth's release from a youth correctional facility. These are all opportune points of decision-making for the youth and parent.

OJDDA believes the notice of collateral consequences to impacted youth will protect their rights and maintain a fair judicial process. Please support HB 2367.

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