

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates General Fund dollars to Oregon Youth Authority for East Metro Gang Enforcement Team. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- East Multnomah county’s high concentration poverty and crime
- Success of East Metro Gang Enforcement Team since its inception
- Comprehensive approach to address prevention, youth engagement, outreach, enforcement, effective prosecution, and youth justice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Poverty in the Gresham area has increased well over 100 percent in a dozen years, along with about a 17 percent increase in population. The area changed from a suburban environment to an urban one, in a very short period of time, with all the attendant law enforcement and public safety challenges. The East Metro Gang Enforcement Team has served this area, the area of greatest need, for ten years. It is a collaborative, multijurisdictional unit, with established partnerships, successes, and presence in its community.

Senate Bill 501 appropriates General Fund dollars to support the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team.