

## HB 2579 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to supervise person who completes entire Department of Corrections sentence in physical custody of OYA.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expected fiscal impact
- Why the measure is needed
- How measure will benefit persons released from OYA

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces current measure. Authorizes Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to provide reentry support and services to youths committed to Department of Corrections custody, but who serve their incarceration with OYA. Defines key terms. Provides for termination of services when youth turns 25 years of age or sentence is complete, whichever date is earlier.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact.*

#### BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, a person in adult court is allowed to serve a sentence at the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), if the person commits the offense as a minor and is sentenced prior to turning 20 years old. However, a person may not remain in the legal and physical custody of OYA after turning age 25. If a person still has remaining time to serve when the person turns age 25, that person's legal and physical custody is returned to the Department of Corrections (DOC). Under current law, these persons are supervised upon release by the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board), regardless of whether the person ever serves part of the sentence at DOC. House Bill 2579 would allow persons who serve their entire sentence within OYA to be supervised upon release by OYA. In contrast, persons who do serve part of their sentence at DOC would remain supervised upon release by the board.