

HB 2812 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services and Oregon Youth Authority to conduct statewide study regarding status of juveniles in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires Department of Education to establish School Safety Multidisciplinary Assessment Team System to assist school personnel in addressing situations concerning students engaged in violence, posing a threat of violence or exhibiting suicidal behavior. Requires system to offer training and technical assistance and provide other support. Includes representative from Oregon Health Authority who has specialty in suicide intervention and prevention on Task Force on School Safety. Requires Task Force to submit reports to interim committee on judiciary no later than September 1, 2017 and September 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education published a joint guide on threat assessment in schools. According to the guide, the goal of threat assessments is to prevent targeted violence. The process analyzes facts and evidence of a student's behavior, focusing on actions, communications and specific circumstances that may or may not suggest that an individual is planning an attack.