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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: SB 49 Relating to juvenile fitness to proceed proceedings

Representative Rayfield: "SB 49 prohibits removing a youth from current placement for evaluation for fitness to proceed in a juvenile delinquency proceeding, unless the youth is placed in detention or a correctional facility. It also requires the Oregon Health Authority to coordinate with the Department of Human Services, local juvenile department, and the youth's family in determining an appropriate placement for restorative services, and the youth must be returned to previous placement following the restorative services.

With passage of this bill, more youth are expected to receive services in their community, rather than the more expensive youth mental health residential system. This is expected to save \$439,984 General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium. The adjustment has been included in the Oregon Health Authority's budget bill, HB 5026.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 49 be reported out do pass."