

## **SB 242 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 04/03/17

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Department of Administrative Services for YWCA of Greater Portland for the Family Preservation Project. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Stability of funding for Family Preservation Project
- Current statistics on incarcerated parents
- Participation in and function of Family Preservation Project programs
- Impact on families of incarcerated persons

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Family Preservation Project is a program administered by the YWCA of Greater Portland that provides family centered services for inmates and children of inmates at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. The program helps inmates maintain connections with their families and prepare for reintegration with society upon release. YWCA of Greater Portland is a social justice oriented nonprofit organization that took over administration of the Family Preservation Project from the Department of Corrections through legislation passed in 2015.

Senate Bill 242 appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017 for the YWCA of Greater Portland, and permits the funds to be spent on the Family Preservation Project.