

**HB 2579 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Dembrow

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 05/02/17

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

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

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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 age 25 or sentence is complete, whichever date is earlier.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- OYA does not currently provide transition planning for youth committed to DOC who are serving a sentence at OYA
- Measure provides OYA with the legal authority to provide reentry services to DOC youth who serve their sentence at OYA

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon, a person convicted in adult court is allowed to serve a sentence at the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), if the person committed the offense as a minor and was sentenced prior to turning age 20. 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-A authorizes OYA to provide reentry support and services to youths committed to DOC custody, but who serve their incarceration with OYA. It also provides for termination of services when the youth turns age 25 or completes his or her sentence, whichever date is earlier.