

HB 2249 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/09/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

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:

Enables Department of Corrections to enter into agreements or arrangements with counties to provide supplemental funding for reentry support and services to certain offenders released before turning age 25.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expansion of eligible pool to offenders under age 25 is a small increase of actual persons served
- Whether an emergency clause is needed

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes the emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is currently authorized to make grants to counties to assist with reentry support and services for offenders who have been committed to the custody of DOC but are serving their sentences in the physical custody of the Oregon Youth Authority and are released on post-prison supervision prior to turning age 19. House Bill 2249-A repeals this provision. In its place, HB 2249-A permits DOC to enter into agreements or arrangements with counties to provide supplemental funding for reentry support and services to offenders who are released on transitional leave, work release, a program of conditional or supervised release, post-prison supervision or a reduction in sentence prior to turning age 25. Reentry support and services includes aid for housing or employment, vocational assistance, transportation services, treatment and access to physical or mental health care services, medications, mentoring and specialized supervision strategies.