

HB 4082 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to administer the Juvenile Justice Information System in partnership with county juvenile departments through a steering committee. Allows disclosure of certain juvenile records to a government agency; public or private post-secondary educational institution; or person with whom OYA, a county, or a county juvenile department has entered into an agreement for disclosure for certain purposes, such as program planning. Specifies that persons who receive these records are responsible for preserving confidentiality. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) was developed in the 1990's and is a statewide system that supports continuity of services among the juvenile justice community. According to the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Oregon is one of only three states that has a statewide data system for the juvenile justice system. There is currently a JJIS Steering Committee comprised of representatives from OYA, the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association, the Oregon Department of Corrections, and others. OYA and county juvenile departments have access to JJIS, which provides case information about juvenile offenders and the services they receive in Oregon. JJIS also produces reports that include information about recidivism, length of stay, services, and the like. JJIS has several layers of security to protect the confidentiality of information, such as limiting access to certain types of information about youth and designating persons who may access the system within their agency.

In addition, Oregon law specifies that materials related to a juvenile, created or maintained by OYA or the juvenile department, are privileged from public inspection. The statute specifies when OYA and the juvenile department may disclose these materials.

House Bill 4082-A specifies that OYA must administer JJIS in partnership with county juvenile departments through a steering committee. It also allows OYA to provide privileged materials relating to a juvenile to specified persons for certain purposes.