

**HB 2939 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Student Success

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Youth Development Division (YDD) to develop and administer a statewide youth reengagement system to provide appropriate educational opportunities and access to services for eligible youth. Allows school district to provide youth reengagement program, and specifies program options. Requires program offer academic instruction for credit, and services for monitoring and supporting youth. Allows school district to enter into agreement to provide academic instruction or services, as specified. Prescribes criteria for school districts to receive funding from Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for youth participating in program. Requires ODE and YDD provide technical assistance to districts in programs. Requires State Board of Education and YDD consult Education Workforce and Policy Advisor, post-secondary institutions, community-based organizations, providers of online courses, and education service districts. Requires rules provide method for eligible youth without participating school district. Establishes requirement that Youth Development Council coordinate and administer the statewide youth reengagement system.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3231 (2013) established the Youth Development Council (YDC) was established to support Oregon's youth from ages 6-24 and develop state policy and administer funding to community and school-based youth development programs. The Council support educational success and focuses on crime prevention, while reducing high risk behaviors. Under ORS 417.855, the YDC allocates funds to counties in order to support local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans for ages 18 and younger. The Council is supported by the Youth Development Division which provides research and resources.