

SB 15 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits Youth Development Council (YDC) to collect data and inspect any facility in which juveniles are detained to ensure compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDA). Provides rulemaking authority to YDC on facility inspection and data collection.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

First enacted in 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDA) was reauthorized in December 2018. The JJDA has four core requirements: deinstitutionalizing status offenders, removing children from adult correctional facilities, separating children placed in adult correctional facilities from adults both by sight and sound, and addressing disproportionate contact of youth of color at key points in the juvenile justice system. The JJDA requires each state to create a State Advisory Group that is principally responsible for monitoring and supporting a state's progress in addressing the four core requirements of the JJDA. 34 USC 11133 et seq.

The Oregon Legislative Assembly established the Youth Development Council (YDC) in 2012 to assist the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) in the assessment and coordination of the state's investments in programs that help school age children and youth succeed and stay out of the juvenile justice system. In its authorizing statute, YDC is required to "oversee and approve funding and policy recommendations of the [state] advisory group as required by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974[.]" ORS 417.850(12).

Senate Bill 15 A permits YDC to promulgate rules, and pursuant to those rules, collect data and inspect any facility in which juveniles are detained in order to fulfill its duty to oversee Oregon's JJDA state advisory group.