

SB 83 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to collaborate with the county juvenile departments to divert youth offenders from commitment to the youth correction facilities to alternative community services. Modifies the process and requirements for youth diversion plan approval. Allows juvenile crime prevention basic services to be used for detention and other juvenile department services. Requires OYA to provide financial oversight and administration of contracts and financial oversight of subcontracts and repeals requirement that OYA conduct performance audits of contracts and subcontracts. Requires OYA to enter into intergovernmental agreements with a county or counties to delineate the duties necessary to carry out the diversion plan. Directs OYA, in consultation with county juvenile departments, to adopt rules, including rules to ensure equitable access to a continuum of out-of-home placement options and to develop performance metrics for the diversion plans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Updates language that is no longer used
- Clarifies relationships between OYA and local governments, including collaborating for best use of dollars in the prevention system
- Captures roll in approving plans and monitoring funding
- Allows for mutual aid in the intergovernmental agreements
- Allows contracting agreements with multiple counties (consortiums)
- Supports equitable access to OYA out-of-home services throughout the state
- Elimination of language around performance audits
- Secretary of State audits

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) mission is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments. OYA provides funding to counties for delinquency prevention and intervention services for the needs of youth offenders who might otherwise be committed to the OYA. The goal is to prevent further offenses and reduce recidivism. The funds help counties develop and operate local services designed to meet those goals. The OYA and all 36 Oregon counties produce recidivism reports based on the measurement of criminal activity as a gauge of community safety.

SB 83 requires OYA to collaborate with the county juvenile departments to divert youth offenders from commitment to the youth correction facilities to alternative community services.