

# House Committee on Education Presentation on Senate Bill 54

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# Background

## SB 54 makes three changes to the Youth Development Council/Division statutes:

- Changes “State Advisory Committee” to “**State Advisory Group**” in ORS 417.847, to align with Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) terminology
- Corrects the YDC’s role to “review local high-risk **juvenile crime prevention plans** and ensure alignment of the plans with diversion plans and basic services grants of county juvenile departments.” (Aligns with OYA’s SB 83)
- Repeals ORS 417.857 – The “**Deschutes County Exemption**”

## State Advisory Group

**Issue:** Current statutory language names YDC as the State Advisory Committee, which does not match federal terminology (State Advisory Group)

**Solution:** SB 54 corrects this to match federal terminology.

- Under the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), State Advisory Groups (SAG) are an appointed body at the state level, consisting of individuals who are knowledgeable about juvenile justice. The Youth Development Council functions as the SAG for Oregon.
- The SAG is responsible for state-level compliance with the Four Core Protections for juveniles under the JJDP, and administering federal Title II Grant Funds from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

## Juvenile Crime Prevention Plans

**Issue:** Current YDC statutory language incorrectly identifies the agency's role in administering basic services grants and diversion plans

**Solution:** SB 54 correctly identifies that YDC administers Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) plans, and aligns with a corollary correction in OYA statute (SB 83).

- The YDC approves JCP plans submitted by county and tribal governments, and administers JCP formula funds that support programs focused on keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system.
- OYA approves diversion plans and administers basic services grants to county juvenile departments and tribal governments.
- SB 54 corrects YDC statutory language, and ensures cooperation between YDC and OYA on these related plans and funding streams.

## Repeal of ORS 417.857

**Issue:** ORS 417.857 creates an exception for Deschutes County juvenile crime prevention funds, which is no longer necessary.

**Solution:** SB 54 repeals this statute.

- ORS 417.857 (The Deschutes County Exception) was created at the behest of the Deschutes County Commission on Children and Families, to permit them to use JCP funds for early learning programming.
- The last time a waiver was provided was 2006 (expired 2010). This exception has not been used since the dissolution of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and the commission system.
- The YDD Juvenile Justice Manager consulted with Deschutes County and confirmed this exception is no longer needed.



## Equity Impact of SB 54

**While these changes to statute don't have a direct equity impact, they impact YDD work that does:**

- Compliance with the Federal JJDPA, which includes a mandate to identify and reduce disparities in the juvenile justice system
- JCP grants to county and tribal governments support programs that provide positive interventions, activities, and supports to keep youth from entering the justice system

# Thank You

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