

SB 83 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Dexter

House Committee On Judiciary**Action Date:** 05/18/21**Action:** Do Pass.**Vote:** 10-0-0-0**Yeas:** 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Amie Fender-Sosa, Counsel**Meeting Dates:** 5/11, 5/18**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:

- Elimination of obsolete provisions
- OYA interactions with juvenile departments
- Clarification on oversight of diversion program agreements and collaboration

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.

Senate Bill 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.