



HB 2372 Summary

BACKGROUND

Following the creation of the Youth Development Council (HB 4165, 2012), The Youth Development Division (YDD) was established within the Oregon Department of Education, under the direction of the Council and the Youth Development Director (HB 3231, 2013). The statute describing the YDD (ORS 417.852) has not been updated since the agency's creation, while the Division's responsibilities have grown to include a number of responsibilities and functions that it now carries out, both in collaboration with the Council and on its own.

PURPOSE

HB 2372 - 1 updates the statutory language describing the Division and Council, and provide a more comprehensive and current description of the roles and responsibilities of each entity. These updates provide a more comprehensive and current description of the roles and responsibilities of each entity and clarify how the Council and Division work together.

- Expands description of the Youth Development Division to include current scope of work and responsibilities, including grant administration, compliance monitoring, and coordination with other state agencies.
- Refines the descriptions of Council and Division to clarify their joint purpose, roles, and responsibilities in shared work such as grantmaking and JJDPa compliance monitoring.
- Identifies the youth workforce development as a priority of the agency, alongside educational success and prevention of justice system involvement, youth crime and violence
- Updates the agency's gang prevention and intervention strategy to emphasize community-led and public health-informed approaches to preventing youth violence
- Acknowledges culturally specific and traditional practices alongside evidence-based programming
- Updates Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) plan process to reflect current YDC practices

FACTS ABOUT YDD'S WORK

- ▶ The Youth Development Division and Council play a unique role among state education agencies, guiding youth development policy and program funding for youth ages 6 – 24.
- ▶ The YDD administers a growing portfolio of grants supporting community-based youth development and prevention programs delivered by non-profit and community based organizations, local governments, tribal nations, and educational institutions
- ▶ The YDD monitors state compliance with federal juvenile custody and racial and ethnic disparities reduction under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- ▶ The YDD regularly collaborates with other state agencies on youth development initiatives, such as the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

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