



Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association
Representing Oregon's County Juvenile Departments
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Support of HB 4086-2

Background:

The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association (OJDDA) supports including a county juvenile department representative to the committees advising the facilitator's in conducting a study on the scope, jurisdiction, and definitions of child abuse reporting, and responding you children with defining and responding to problematic sexual behavior. County juvenile departments have a vested interest in ensuring that children and youth receive appropriate and complete investigations of allegations of abuse, and ensuring the appropriate services are requested and received for responding to problematic sexual behavior. Often juvenile departments are cross reporting with Oregon Department of Human Services, and a significant percentage of youth involved in the juvenile justice system have prior or current open cases with Oregon Department of Human Services.

County juvenile departments also operate eleven (11) detention facilities for youth who are currently involved with the juvenile justice system for acts that if committed by an adult would constitute a criminal act. The detention facilities operate within the Oregon Detention Guidelines and federal regulations. The juvenile department representative on the committee is critical to bring the unique perspective of the intersection of child welfare and juvenile justice.

Recommendation:

OJDDA respectfully supports HB 4086-2 including county juvenile departments as a seated member of both of the committees working with the facilitator to identify scope, gaps, and best practices for child abuse investigations as well as a well-defined response to children with problematic sexual behavior.

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