

SB 140 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 03/27/17

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Oregon Youth Authority for gang intervention services in Multnomah County. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on East Metro Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET)
- Demographic and economic factors contributing to increasing gang-related crimes
- Importance of gang prevention and law enforcement programs
- EMGET as tool to marshal gang reduction resources and help understaffed jurisdictions
- EMGET as tool to educate vulnerable populations about gang prevention and provide resources for prevention
- Possible clarifying amendments in subsequent committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The East Metro Gang Enforcement Team is an interagency team focused on combating gang activity in east Multnomah County. It includes members from the Fairview, Troutdale, and Gresham city police departments and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

Senate Bill 140 appropriates \$2,341,057 from the General Fund to the Oregon Youth Authority for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017 for the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team, and permits the funds to be spent on other gang intervention services in east Multnomah County.