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The Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair
The Honorable Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair
Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
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Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), I am pleased to provide the following responses to the questions posed by subcommittee members during the agency's presentation on April 29, 2013.

Q. Is there a community that is more accepting of re-entry of OYA youth into local high schools?

A. OYA Parole and Probation officers work closely with local communities to plan the transition of offenders from close custody back to local schools. OYA does not maintain data that would rank local communities by degree of acceptance.

Q. What is the OYA cost per day including the amount spent on education?

A. The close-custody cost per day in the 2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget is \$269 General Fund. OYA uses the same methodology as the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) to calculate cost per day. The following table summarizes the OYA cost per day components in the same program categories as DOC:

<i>Program Category</i>	<i>Daily Rate</i>	<i>% of Rate</i>
Management / Support Services	\$ 15.00	5%
Food Services	\$ 13.00	5%
Physical Plant	\$ 22.00	8%
Treatment	\$ 57.00	21%
Health Services	\$ 24.00	9%
Security and Housing	\$ 127.00	48%
Vocation / Education Services for Older Youth (VESOY)*	\$ 11.00	4%
Total	\$ 269.00	100%

Education for younger youth in OYA custody is provided by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as part of the Youth Corrections Education Program. Including ODE funding in the OYA budget would add approximately \$23 to the OYA cost per day.

Q. How many positions and FTE are in Facility Programs and Community Programs?

A. The following table summarizes OYA positions and FTE by program:

<i>OYA 2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>FTE</i>
Facility Programs	791	755.33
Community Programs	140	138.25
Program Support	99	99.00
OYA Total	1,030	992.58

Q. Can any of the proposed funding for deferred maintenance be used to move the OYA Central Office?

A. These funds are earmarked for 12 high priority projects that address critical program needs:

<i>OYA Deferred Maintenance Projects Funding in 2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget</i>	
Central and Unit Control Room Renovations	\$ 168,470
1923 Water tower structural assessment	22,483
Replaces fire alarm and security technology systems at end of useful life	23,478
Replaces security technology systems at end of useful life	52,687
Replaces gym lighting and security technology systems at end of useful life	171,358
Replaces fire alarm and security technology systems at end of useful life	51,232
Food Share Kitchen Improvements Phase II	37,471
CCTV and Key control system	351,452
CCTV, PBX Upgrades, and Key Control System Improvements	724,441
Security Doors Access Controls	430,603
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Roof Replacements	2,599,422
Total	\$5,074,941

We are exploring options to identify the most cost-efficient location for Central Office. These options include remaining at our current leased site or relocating to a facility owned by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or OYA.

Q. How closely is OYA working with the Oregon Trades Council?

A. OYA does not provide any formal apprenticeship programs. Barriers to such programs include developing an appropriate wage rate and providing adequate insurance coverage for participating youth. However, we continue to explore opportunities with DOC to develop a formal apprenticeship program for OYA youth. OYA currently offers non-apprenticeship vocational training in welding, electrical, wastewater treatment, firefighting, and barbering. We also offer youth programs in woodworking, food service, gardening, horticulture, and dog care.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions and for your continued support of our public safety mission. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Director