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Subcommittee on Public Safety
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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Re: Responses to Subcommittee questions of Art Ayre, February 19, 2013

Dear Senator Winters and Representative Williamson,

This letter contains my answers to two questions asked of me by the Subcommittee during my presentation on the Governor's Budget for the Oregon Youth Authority on February 19, 2013.

Question: How is the funding for elementary and secondary education of youth in Oregon Youth Authority custody shown in the budget?

Answer: Funding for the elementary and secondary education of youth in OYA custody is shown in the Oregon Department of Education budget. ODE provides State School Fund grants for students enrolled in the Youth Correctional Education Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program. The Youth Correctional Education Program serves youths in the OYA youth correctional facilities. The Juvenile Detention Education program serves youths lodged in county juvenile detention facilities. In general, students in youth correction facilities are funded at double the standard Average Daily Membership (ADMw) rate, and students in detention facilities are funded at 1.5 times the standard ADMw rate. The funding level for students in a youth correctional facility is augmented by additional federal funding such as special education and Title I Part D. The following statute provides some information on this funding system and references to other statutes that also relate to it.

327.026 State School Fund grant for programs; calculation; adjustment; rules.

(1) In order to accomplish the purpose described in ORS 326.700, the State Board of Education shall adopt by rule definitions and procedures to be applied to the computation of the State School Fund allocations where necessary to make students enrolled in the Youth Corrections Education Program, as defined in ORS 326.695, and the Juvenile Detention Education Program, as defined in ORS 326.695, equivalent to students enrolled in common and union high school districts for purposes of distribution of the fund.

(2)(a) The Youth Corrections Education Program shall be entitled to receive from the State School Fund for each school year a special State School Fund grant, consisting of a

general purpose grant that is equal to the Youth Corrections Education Program ADM multiplied by 2.0 multiplied by the additional per student weight, as calculated in ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(i), multiplied by Funding Percentage and further multiplied by Statewide Target per ADMw Grant.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the Youth Corrections Education Program may not receive moneys under this section from the State School Fund for any youth in the program who:

(A) Has received a high school diploma; or

(B) Is 21 years of age or older.

(3) The Juvenile Detention Education Program shall be entitled to receive from the State School Fund for each school year a special State School Fund grant, consisting of a general purpose grant that is equal to the Juvenile Detention Education Program ADM multiplied by 1.5 multiplied by Funding Percentage and further multiplied by Statewide Target per ADMw Grant.

(4) Funds allocated to the Youth Corrections Education Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program from the State School Fund shall remain with the Department of Education and shall be adjusted in the year following the distribution to reflect the actual ADMw of students in the Youth Corrections Education Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program in the same manner as for the school districts under ORS 327.101. [1995 c.649 §7; 1997 c.821 §17; 2001 c.681 §5; 2007 c.839 §17; 2009 c.698 §12]

Question: How many students receive education through the Youth Correctional Education Program and through the Juvenile Detention Education Program?

Answer: The Oregon Department of Education reports that, during the 2011-12 school year, there was an average daily membership of 505.16 students in the Youth Correctional Education Program and of 194.63 students in the Juvenile Detention Education Program. Due to turnover of students in these programs during the school year, the unduplicated number of youths participating in the programs during the school year was 1,308 youths in the Youth Correctional Education Program and 3,417 youths in the Juvenile Detention Education Program.

I hope my answers provide the information the Subcommittee desired. Please let me know if I can help further.

Sincerely,

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