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The Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair  
Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety  
900 Court St. NE, Room H-178  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Youth Authority is pleased to provide you with the following information in response to the questions posed by Committee members during OYA's presentation to the Subcommittee on February 21, 2013.

**Q. How many youth have completed job training and have been released from OYA close-custody facilities with professional certifications and/or job placements?**

A. Many of these programs are new, and complete data on outcomes, including job placement statistics, are not yet available. The data we do have indicate that during the 2011-12 school year:

- 467 youth in OYA close-custody facilities participated in a program leading to a vocational certificate, license, or other evidence of a job skill (*e.g.*, food handler card, etc.); and
- 185 youth participated in one or more academic courses leading to college credit.

**Q. What are the numbers or percentages of African American youth in OYA for Measure 11 offenses?**

A. As of January 7, 2013, there were 156 African American youth committed to OYA close-custody or community supervision. Of those youth, 23 (14.7%) were convicted under Measure 11.

**In summary**

I appreciate your continued support for public safety in Oregon. Please let me know if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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Director