

**Oregon Youth Authority
Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant**

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approving the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for up to \$500,000 for a Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant.

The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act was created in 2003 to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. Federal rulemaking for the Act was completed in 2012. The OYA requests authority to apply for a grant for

- research and training in offender education,
- victim support services,
- data collection,
- preventive infrastructure and technology enhancements,
- policy and practice review, and
- program evaluation.

The grant is effective for two years. Match for the grant is 50%, or up to \$500,000, which the OYA would meet with in-kind work. No additional positions are required. If the grant is awarded, OYA will return to the legislature for one-time expenditure limitation.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.