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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
SB 5542: Relating to the financial administration of the Oregon Youth Authority

Clackamas County supports Senate Bill 5542: the Board of County Commissioners strongly supports SB 5542, which strengthens the general fund of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) by limiting biennial expenditures from fees, moneys, and other revenues collected or received by OYA, and authorizes specified non-limited expenditures.

Clackamas County's Juvenile Department receives Basic and Diversion funds from OYA, which provide critical resources for successful intervention and prevention of delinquent behaviors. These prevention services also help to reduce intake numbers into the OYA system.

The Clackamas County Juvenile Department is set to receive \$1.8 million from OYA in the next biennium. These dollars fund personnel to teach skills curriculum, treatment for high risk youth offenders, and programs for youth to earn stipends to repay victims. Additionally, Clackamas County matches these OYA funds, and coordinates with community partners, to enhance and sustain a strong system of care for youth offenders. We urge a "yes" vote on SB 5542.

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