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The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) supports the amendments to ORS 419A.255 as proposed in SB 405-2.

Revisions occurred to this statute in the 2013 Legislative session that only allowed the juvenile court and the county juvenile department to disclose non-confidential information on youth as detailed in 419A.255 (6, 7). Under this current statute, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) must request a county juvenile department release the information on their behalf.

Adding the OYA as a party that can release this information will end the unnecessary involvement of county staff and inefficient use of their time as well as creating a lag in the sharing of information when requested. This amendment specifies disclosure of information only relating to youth offenders committed to the OYA.

OJDDA asks for your support of this amendment, which will authorize the OYA to effectively perform its duties and ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer resources.

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