



OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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May 26, 2015

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Girod, Representative Read, and members of the Capital Construction Committee:

As co-chairs of the Public Safety Subcommittee of Ways & Means we are writing to urge you to fully fund the \$47.9 million for phase one of the Oregon Youth Authority's 10-Year Strategic Facilities Plan in HB 5005 and HB 5006, the bonding bills currently assigned to the Capital Construction Subcommittee.

The OYA 10-Year Plan was created at the direction of a budget note drafted by the Public Safety Subcommittee in 2013. At that time we saw the agency's building portfolio of ten close custody facilities around the state were in desperate need of deferred maintenance and the two largest facilities in the Willamette valley were underutilized. We also asked OYA to move toward full implementation its Youth Reformation System, a data driven approach aimed at putting the right youth in the right placement for the right length of stay. This initiative maximizes public resources, enhances public safety, and ensures opportunities for positive youth outcomes.

OYA was directed to find a way to make more efficient and effective use of its close custody facilities and to do it in a way that better conforms to what research tells us is directly tied to positive youth outcomes and public safety. National experts hired to complete the 10-Year Plan confirmed what many of us already knew, while OYA does an outstanding job implementing research based programming, its physical environments do not support its mission, vision and culture. In addition, the report affirmed that OYA facilities that house, educate, and treat some of the most at-risk youth in the Oregon, are in significant disrepair and seismically vulnerable. The 10-Year Plan provides a comprehensive inventory of OYA's physical portfolio and offers direction for how to repair, improve and where needed, consolidate facilities that were beyond the point of repair and cannot be cost effectively remodeled to meet the housing needs of youth committed to OYA.

The current versions of HB 5005 and 5006 includes only \$32.9 million for phase one of the 10-Year Plan. This is an inadequate amount and needs to be increased to \$47.9 million, the amount recommended by the consultants, in order to assure the timely consolidation of the Hillcrest campus into the MacLaren campus, and for essential improvements each of OYA's remaining facilities.

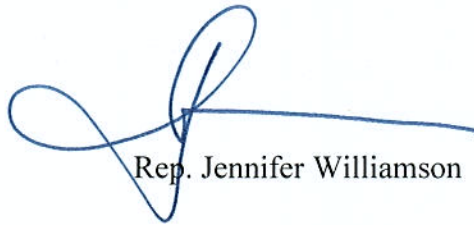
A comparison of the projects that OYA can complete under the \$32.9 million funding level versus the \$47.9 million funding level is attached. Our subcommittee heard a detailed comparison of what these different funding levels would deliver and felt strongly that the higher amount is justified. The plan is also has the broad support of the state architect, the chair of the Capital Projects Advisory Board, youth rights advocates, public safety professionals and OYA's labor partners. The \$47.9 million recommended for the first phase of the OYA 10-year Strategic Plan will go a long way toward bringing OYA's physical environments in line with best practices for juvenile justice and what research shows delivers better outcomes for youth success. In addition to better supporting the developmental needs of adolescents and young adults, this plan will ensure a safe and secure environment for staff and stimulate the economies of Oregon's communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for OYA's capital construction needs. Please do everything in your power to enable the Oregon Youth Authority to continue its momentum by including the full \$47.9 million for phase one of the 10-Year Strategic plan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Shields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chip" being more prominent than the last name "Shields".

Sen. Chip Shields

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rep. Jennifer Williamson". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, featuring a large loop at the top and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rep. Jennifer Williamson

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<b>MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, seismic improvements, site work, and demolition	Resolves deferred maintenance Seismic improvements Removes 5 vacant end of life bldgs.	Critical deferred maintenance Seismic improvements Removes 4 vacant end of life bldgs.
Additions and New Construction	Two new Geer treatment additions, New 32 bed housing unit (16 beds for younger mental services for youth currently at Hillcrest)	Two new Geer treatment additions
Renovations	Renovates 8 Front Cottages and Geer Compound Geer intake facility	60% Renovation 8 Front Cottages and Geer Compound Geer intake facility Geer add 16 beds for younger mental health services currently at Hillcrest
Total	\$30,934,000	\$19,496,000
<b>Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Critical deferred maintenance
Additions / New Construction	Expand medical clinic	Expand medical clinic
Renovations	Builds priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.	Builds priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.
Total	\$2,098,000	\$2,098,000
<b>Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance
Additions and New Construction	New recreation field and perimeter fence Renovate courtyard Builds a high school and vocational education center Builds new multipurpose treatment program space New 6 bed behavioral health unit Clinic and Administration expansion/addition	New recreation field and perimeter fence Renovate courtyard Builds a single combined new multipurpose treatment, education, and vocational building,

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Renovations	Builds priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.	Builds some priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.
Total	\$9,880,000	\$8,266,000
<b>North Coast Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance covered in Statewide deferred maintenance (see below)
Renovations	Builds initial priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.	Work not funded
Total	\$591,000	\$0
<b>Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance
Additions and New Construction	Vocational education area for machine shop	Work not funded
Renovations	Builds initial priority program improvements to meet PHD standards.	Work not funded
Total	\$1,499,000	\$0
<b>Tillamook Camp and Tillamook Youth Corrections Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance, seismic improvements, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance covered in Statewide deferred maintenance (see below)
Additions and New Construction		
Renovations	Builds initial priority program improvements to meet PHD standards. Renovate main kitchen, dining room and control room	Work not funded
Total	\$1,187,000	\$0
<b>Camp RiverBend</b>		
Deferred maintenance, seismic improvements, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance covered in Statewide deferred maintenance (see below)

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Additions and New Construction		
Renovations	Builds initial priority program improvements to meet PHD standards and control room	Work not funded
Total	\$752,000	\$0
<b>Camp Florence</b>		
Deferred maintenance, seismic improvements, site work, and demolition	Critical deferred maintenance	Emergency deferred maintenance covered in Statewide deferred maintenance (see below)
Additions and New Construction	Builds additional capacity for vocational education and treatment programming	Work not funded
Renovations	Renovates the main kitchen and dining room	Work not funded
Total	\$730,000	\$0
<b>Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility</b>		
Deferred maintenance and demolition	For critical deferred maintenance work until facility closes	Emergency deferred maintenance unfunded
Additions and New Construction		
Renovations		
Total	\$201,000	\$0

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Phase 2 (a) CCTV Cameras		
	Electronic security projects and second phase of camera installation	Electronic security projects and second phase of camera installation
OYA Deferred Maintenance (a)	\$0	\$1,147,435
	Deferred maintenance is included in the full scope of Phase I	Statewide Emergency deferred maintenance
Total	\$0	\$2,293,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,872,000</b>	<b>\$33,300,435</b>