

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

The Oregon Youth Authority supports HB 2579-1. The amendment was developed with input from Representative Rayfield, Representative Olson, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association and the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors. The amendment respects the existing structure for release and supervision of Department of Corrections' youth and young adults who are released from a Youth Correctional Facility to Community Corrections supervision while allowing OYA to provide services.

The bill requires rules to be developed in order to implement this change. DOC, OYA and the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors met to discuss the communication protocol that would need to be in place should such a bill become law. While we cannot go into rulemaking prior to this bill becoming law, we felt it important to work a draft concept so that all parties understood how this bill would allow OYA engagement for this population. I have attached the draft rule notes from our meeting for your review and understanding.

Should there ever be funding for this population in the future, HB 2249 would serve as the basis to provide funding for the up to 25 population of convicted youth being released from a Youth Correctional Facility. While neither HB 2579-1 nor HB 2249 have any funding associated, these two bills effectively change the platform to support focused, intentional discussions on this population. Therefore we support both bills and look forward to the collaborative, outcome focused discussions to come.

Respectfully,  
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