

**Memorandum to Joint Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
Co-Chairs Senator Girod, Representative Holvey, and Committee Members**

For: Lottery Bonds Hearing on **SB 5530** held on May 19, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Re: Klamath County Juvenile Department YIP Construction Project

Testimony: Dan Golden, Director, Klamath County Juvenile Department

Co-Chairs, thank you for the opportunity to present Klamath County's request to support the Klamath Youth Inspiration Program facility. We propose to tear down the oldest juvenile detention facility east of the Cascades and replace it with a residential treatment facility to serve OYA and DHS girls – to prevent their escalation into detention and correctional facilities and divert them back into community placement through intensive mental health care and drug & alcohol treatment. The construction is proposed on county-owned property served by Klamath County's geothermal heating system.

- 1) Background: In one year – **2016** - Oregon Juvenile Courts adjudicated **904 girls** delinquent for criminal acts. **550** Oregon girls were placed on Juvenile Probation. More than **150** girls were committed to OYA for community placement or OYA corrections. OYA's Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility for girls has **60** beds in corrections with **10** additional beds for the transition program.
- 2) Klamath County opened the Klamath Youth Inspiration Program (Klamath YIP) in **2014** to stabilize OYA girls headed for corrections. By **2016**, Klamath YIP stabilized **82%** of clients to divert them to community placement instead of youth corrections.
- 3) In **2016-17**, Klamath YIP began admitting DHS girls as well as OYA clients and stabilized **46 girls (85% of clients)** for community placement. Only eight (**15%**) escalated into detention or corrections. Those **46 girls**, if committed to corrections, would cost OYA **\$5,171,320 per year** (\$308 day, X 46 girls, X 365 days).
- 4) Klamath YIP is successful in diverting girls out of corrections & providing intensive mental health care and alcohol & drug treatment because –
 - A) Klamath YIP was designed for girls - as a gender-specific – gender-responsive program. All therapists and staff in the program are female. Evidenced-based treatment curriculum is trauma-informed & based on CBT & DBT concepts.
 - B) Klamath YIP networks with Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and Cascades East OHSU Residency Clinic to provide intensive mental health and physical health care for Klamath YIP clients. For many clients, it's the first time they have had consistent care and follow-up from therapists, medical doctors, and dentists.
- 5) The proposed construction project will expand intensive mental health treatment, educational, and recreational opportunities, **plus double the size** of the program from **9 beds** to **16 or more** beds. Separate units serving OYA and DHS girls are planned.
- 6) Total project cost of **\$11,650,000** was estimated by a national construction planning firm. Klamath County proposes a **\$740,000** match. Klamath County requests **\$10,910,000** from the Lottery Bonds (**SB 5530**) program. We expect **200 jobs** to be created. Thank you for your consideration of the Klamath YIP construction project.