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DATE: April 30, 2019

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Child Welfare, Department of Human Services

SUBJECT: Out of State Placements at Red Rock Canyon School

Background: Red Rock Canyon School located in St. George Utah, is operated by Sequel Youth and Family Services and provides residential treatment services to youth ages 12 up to 18. There are currently 24 youth from Oregon placed at Red Rock including one youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Oversight: Three Child Welfare staff visited the facility the weekend of April 19-21st and a contractor was on site last week. A DHS review team along with the Oregon Health Authority and Child Care Licensing are there today interviewing each child and providing a program review and follow up on two recent incidents.

Incident 1 Update: The incident involving improper use of restraint was reported to the Oregon and Utah child abuse hotlines late last week. No injury was reported, and the Oregon team on-site today is investigating the allegation.

Incident 2 Update: The night of April 28, a youth led riot occurred at Red Rock. Early reports suggest Oregon youth were not detained for participation in the riot. However, when law enforcement intervened an Oregon youth sustained a minor injury and was treated. While on-site today the Oregon team will check in with all Oregon youth and will provide support as needed to those who witnessed the incident.

Next Steps: More information regarding youth placed at Red Rock will be available at the May 7th Senate Human Services informational meeting.