

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education;

The Oregon Youth Authority joins the Youth Development Division in supporting SB 54. This bill is a companion to OYA's SB 83. Both OYA and YDD had statutes that were out of date. In bringing both into modern day, the statutes were fixed to show which funding OYA and YDD provide to the counties to support prevention and diversion work. Also, recognizing that together, we provide funding for a continuum of services, language was added for us to each make rules to support a review of overall funding and planning for alignment of efforts.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this bill and look forward to the work ahead with YDD and our county juvenile departments.

Respectfully,  
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