

Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Public Safety:

I would like to endorse the Governor's recommended budget for the Oregon Youth Authority.

I have personally assisted individuals who were under Measure 11 at Oregon Youth Authority, to pay for their education at community colleges and four-year universities (total of \$66,154.40). A number of them were very successful.

I look at the Oregon Youth Authority as a return on investment in at risk youth, and I would encourage the OYA's efforts in building reentry services for older youth.