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To: Co-Chair Sollman, Evans and Members of the Joint Sub-Committee on Public Safety

From: Craig Opperman, President/CEO, Looking Glass Community Services

RE: SB5541 - Oregon Youth Authority

The Oregon Youth Authority is recognized nationally as a leader in juvenile justice. Their Positive Human Development approach reduces recidivism and results in adjudicated youth becoming successful members of the community. OYA programs have proven positive outcomes. They reduce the need for adult prisons.

Much of this success is due to partnership with community treatment providers. Return to the community with needed support systems is key to positive outcomes. Community providers rely on Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) funding to operate programs for these youth.

It is critically important to fund rate increases for BRS. Please note these rates draw a federal funding match. Sex Offender Treatment (SOT) must also be funded, as has been proposed numerous times. Please refer to the testimony presented by Doug Riggs and the Oregon Alliance regarding POP 10 and the OYA budget.

Investment in OYA and community providers saves future law enforcement, court and prison costs. Most importantly, it saves the lives of our adjudicated youth.

Please fully fund the OYA budget and all related resource requests. Thank you for all your work and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

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