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The Oregon Youth Authority runs youth corrections facilities, contracts for residential services and foster care, and parole and probation services for youth in Oregon. We looked at this bill thinking there would be a carve out for emergency response/management, law enforcement, public safety and those who must stay and care for a vulnerable population. Generally such areas of regulation have a carve out for these functions, as the working conditions are inherently unpredictable and also, during an emergency there is a duty to remain and respond. We also learned, with very real life examples, during the fires and ice storms, as well as overall pandemic planning and response, how much we relied on the overall emergency management structures to coordinate and provide information and logistical support.

I understand amendments may be in process and welcome the opportunity to review and provide feedback.