

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 17: Oregon Youth Authority Professional Standards Collaboration

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Youth Authority on collaboration with partner agencies for cases managed by the agency's Professional Standards Office.

During the 2025 legislative session, the Legislature heard testimony regarding concerns identified with the backlog of cases managed by the Oregon Youth Authority's Professional Standards Office. At the time, a concern was raised as to why the Oregon State Police and the Department of Human Services, who share in the resolution of some cases, hadn't identified the backlog issues themselves.

As a result, the Oregon Youth Authority received a budget note in HB 5006 during the 2025 legislative session that asked the agency to convene a work group with the Oregon State Police and the Department of Human Services to review rules and procedures related to processing cases and submit a report with recommendations by December 31, 2025. The report was received by the deadline and includes background, past and current collaboration with partner agencies, new policies and procedures relative to the Professional Standards Office, and future collaborative efforts to ensure clear communication and cross-reporting between agencies.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report from the Oregon Youth Authority on Professional Standards Office partner agency collaboration.