

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Youth Authority Professional Standards Office

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

On February 10th, the Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Youth Authority on the Professional Standards Office caseload.

A budget note was included in HB 5041, the agency's primary budget bill during the 2025 session, requesting updates on its Professional Standards Office caseload backlog, to include aged investigations over 180 days old, cases still requiring Chief Investigator review, and how legislative investments have been utilized.

The agency reports that aged cases have been reduced by 96% since January 2025, and only 28 cases remain as of the report's submission. There are 2,800 cases that have been closed by investigators but still require final review. The average number of days between when a report is received and when a case is opened has decreased from 60 days to 1 day over a one-year period. Also included in the report is a recap of the agency's commitment to communication and transparency, as well as reporting that all new positions established to address the issues are hired.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.