

Senator Gelser, Senator Heard and Committee members;

The Oregon Youth Authority is supportive of SB15 -1 as proposed by our sister agency the Youth Development Division. We understand that these amendments will give the Youth Development Division the authority that they have exercised under federal law to do the inspections that occur of correctional facilities that hold juveniles. In addition, it would give them rule making authority, to work with partners and put into rule the details that document how things currently work, as well as adapt to new federal legislation in this area. The details required by this new federal legislation are not yet known; rulemaking allows the necessary flexibility to adapt as clarity is obtained. We believe that the rule making process is appropriate for any details. We support the proposed amendment.

Respectfully,
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