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The Honorable Senator Gelser, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Anderson, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery Members  
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Re: Follow up and clarification in response to the Public Hearing on HB 2333A on May 6<sup>th</sup>

Request: Is the language in HB 2333A sufficient for the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare Division to distinguish between youth with zero prescriptions and 1-2 prescriptions as a part of the reporting requirements?

Response: Yes, the language in HB 2333A is broad enough for Child Welfare to distinguish between the two different groups as a part of the reporting requirements.

Though it is important to note, the information reported is based on claims data and those without a prescription would not be reflected in the data because there are no claims. Child Welfare would need to subtract the total number of children and youth with a prescription for psychotropic medications from the number of children and youth in care, to get the total number without a prescription.

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