

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5039 Oregon Youth Authority

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

HB 5039 is the budget bill for the Oregon Youth Authority. The Youth Authority serves young people up to the age of 25 who have been adjudicated for crimes committed before they were eighteen.

The Public Safety Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$408.8 million, with 1,001 positions and 971.66 FTE. The budget funds OYA’s close custody and transitional camp facilities at the current service level, adds \$1.2 million General Fund and six new positions for the agency’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and provides \$4 million in additional funding for providers of behavior rehabilitation services. Other approved changes include a reduction of \$2 million General Fund from the budget for community residential treatment beds, which will more closely align the budget with actual usage; the addition of three positions, 2.25 FTE, and \$675,000 General Fund to provide sex offense treatment supervision in OYA’s close custody facilities, and \$724,000 General Fund for agency support services from the State Data Center and from the Department of Administrative Services.

Key Performance Measures and targets were approved, although the Subcommittee discussed its recommendation to re-visit the targets for those KPMs that measure such things as escapes and youth assaults, where the target should be “zero.” The Subcommittee also approved three budget notes directing the agency to report back on outcomes achieved in state-funded local juvenile justice services, in OYA’s community residential treatment system, and from the lower population density in its close custody facilities.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5039 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.