



## Legislative Testimony

### OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Anna Williams, Chair  
House Committee Human Services

#### **Subject: Senate Bill 135**

Chair Williams and members of the committee, my name is Nathaline Frener, and I serve as Assistant Director of the Correctional Services Division for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to provide testimony in support of SB 135.

#### **What the Bill Does:**

SB 135 adds Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to the list of entities to which law enforcement agencies may disclose information about investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect. It allows further disclosure – as part of information-sharing among law enforcement and other corrections agencies and authorized treatment providers – for the purpose of managing and supervising offenders in custody. It also provides for sharing information with DOC, district attorneys, courts, and defense attorneys for purposes of Second Look hearings.

#### **Background Information:**

OYA and DOC have a strong history of case management collaborations concerning youth offenders committed to the legal custody of DOC and assigned to a youth correctional facility. The strength of these collaborations are most evident when a youth offender is preparing for release from an OYA facility to the community having completed their term of incarceration or having been determined eligible for Second Look Conditional Release consideration.

#### **Anticipated Impacts of the Bill:**

SB 135 will allow DOC and OYA to disclose records and reports of child abuse and neglect for purposes of case management and release planning for youth offenders for whom both DOC and OYA have responsibility.

In addition, SB 135 authorizes DOC and OYA to share information with the court, district attorney, and youth offender's attorney for purposes of Second Look Conditional Release consideration. With this, written reports to the court by OYA and/or DOC will better inform the court as to the experiences and character of the youth offender before commitment to DOC or placement with OYA as authorized by ORS 420A.203(4)(b)(A) regarding eligibility for Second Look.

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**Requested Action:**

The department respectfully requests your support of SB 135. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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