#### Youth, Rights & Justice

## Support SB 422: End Juvenile Fees in Oregon

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#### Fees disproportionately harm youth of color

The longer a young person is in the system, the more fees their family faces. Black and Indigenous youth are overrepresented at every stage of the juvenile system.



**Black youth** are 3.3x more likely than White youth to be committed to the Oregon Youth Authority.



Indigenous youth are 3x more likely than White youth to be placed on probation or committed to the Oregon Youth Authority.



#### Fees undermine youth, families, and communities

Fees and penalties for failure to pay fees (such as wage garnishment, property seizure, extended detention, and license suspension), undermine the financial and emotional well-being of youth and their families.



#### Fees generate little or no net revenue

The Division of Child Support spent \$866,000 to collect \$864,000 from families with children in Oregon Youth Authority custody in 2019. Circuit courts collect only 20% of the juvenile fees they charge.



6 states have abolished some or all juvenile fees: CA, MD, NV, NH, UT, & WA 14 states are considering fee abolition in 2021: AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, IN, LA, NM, MI, NJ, PA, TX, VA, & WY

# Oregon should stop charging regressive and racially discriminatory fees.

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