

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Oregon Youth Authority County Funding Outcomes**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Hansell

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On Monday, February 14th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Oregon Youth Authority on county funding outcomes.

The report provided includes information for all 36 counties on how local county juvenile diversion programs expend Juvenile Crime Prevention funds in eight eligible categories. This funding is provided as a pass-through to counties, and OYA has no direct oversight authority on spending beyond quarterly billings and ensuring certain criteria are met for funding.

OYA and several county juvenile directors and staff have formed a workgroup to consider three new criteria for Juvenile Crime Prevention funding:

- 1) Require an assessment of all youth within 30 days of disposition to provide an identified risk level and assess the youth's service needs.
- 2) Expand funding eligibility to youth that are referred for charges but have not been adjudicated to allow for earlier intervention.
- 3) Require counties to provide a demographic breakdown of youth to ensure equitable access.

OYA and counties will continue to work on these proposals and will provide a follow-up report during the 2023 legislative session.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.