

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Oregon Youth Authority Community Residential Treatment Program Utilization**

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

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On Monday, February 14th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Oregon Youth Authority on community residential treatment program utilization.

OYA's use of community residential treatment beds has been declining since 2015 and the pandemic has only added to the difficulty in placement opportunities, and pressures placed on community providers. The agency's report notes that there is no predictive model for the placement of youth, but that additional enhancements to Juvenile Justice Information System data has improved the ability to place youth more effectively in the community. Additionally, the agency has implemented changes to reduce the likelihood of runaways from a residential program and developed new approaches to reduce revocations.

Finally, OYA is working to develop partnerships with more community providers of color and programs focused on specific youth populations, to increase the diversity of available community programs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval, with instruction that the Oregon Youth Authority provide an update on its community residential treatment program usage and status of youth placements at the meeting of the Emergency Board anticipated to be scheduled in December 2022.