

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 5541 Oregon Youth Authority**

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

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SB 5541 is the budget bill for the Oregon Youth Authority.

The Public Safety Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$439.4 million, with 990 positions and 955.90 FTE. This funds the fully staffed operation of 23 living units in nine close custody and transitional camp facilities, with an average capacity of 17 youth per living unit. The budget includes \$1.7 million General Fund and nine positions to address increased workload in human resources, payroll, and procurement, and for the migration of CCTV data to the State Data Center. Additional investments include eight positions to address the increased mental health needs of youth in close custody; increase staffing at the Jackie Winters Transitional Facility; and two positions for victims' support services.

Further changes include a reduction of \$11.5 million General Fund from the budget for community residential treatment beds and county diversion payments, which will more closely align the budget with actual usage; an increase of \$4.5 million General Fund to keep Behavior Rehabilitation Services program rates at levels approved during the COVID-19 pandemic; and carryover of American Rescue Plan Act and bonding limitation that had been provided for specific projects in 2021-23 but have not been completed.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5541 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.