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To: House Education Committee
From: Parasa Chanramy, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators
Subject: Letter of Support for [House Bill 3595](#)

Dear Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Hudson and Wright, and Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Parasa Chanramy. On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators, we urge you to pass House Bill 3595, which would help stabilize funding for juvenile justice education programs in Oregon.

In recent years, funding for Juvenile Detention and Youth Corrections Education Programs has fallen short. Here are a few examples:

- JDEP and YCEP are required to provide students with a longer school year - 220 days - compared to the 180 days (on average) that traditional schools provide students. Even with the longer school year, JDEP and YCEP providers are not given additional funding.
- Our students with disabilities receive less funding in JDEP and YCEP than they would in a traditional school setting.
- Funding for JDEP and YCEP has decreased due to lower enrollment, but overhead costs have remained the same. For instance, a teacher costs the same amount, whether you have 5 students in the class or 10 students.

In 2021, the Legislature made a one-time \$8 million General Fund allocation to JDEP and YCEP to help shore up their funding in the short term.

Moving forward, we believe that HB 3595 proposes a clear plan for stable and sustainable funding for our JDEP and YCEP providers. HB 3595 would create a dedicated account, referred to as the Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEF), to cover students in both JDEP and YCEP. The bill would allow funding from the Student Success Act's Statewide Education Initiatives Account to fund the JJEF. Lastly, the bill also outlines a method for the Oregon Department of Education in calculating funding for JJEF each biennium.

We urge your support of HB 3595 in order to provide stable and sustainable funding for JDEP and YCEP in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.