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The Oregon Alliance of YMCAs supports HB 5014, the Oregon Department of Education budget bill, which includes YDD's budget. The Youth Community Investment Grants, Reengagement Opportunity Grants, and Future Ready Grants included in this budget represent a significant investment in our youth ages 6 - 24. These funds allow community-based organizations like the YMCA to Focus on youth from vulnerable and resilient populations and communities to build assets, protective factors and strength-based practices for youth, engage, reengage, and advance youth learners, and promote youth safety. They provide funding for statewide initiatives for vulnerable and resilient youth that reduce barriers to education and employment success, expand access to positive activities, and build crucial social, emotional and mental health skills and competencies. We urge the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education to advance this bill. Thank you.