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Co-Chair Broadman, Co-Chair Evans, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:



The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) received two questions for follow-up during day two of our agency testimony on March 25, 2025. The first on whether an external investigation was completed on the escapes from MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in 2024, and if so, to provide a copy of the report. The second on a cost per youth breakdown for close custody, community, and transition beds.

Youth Escape External Investigation

- The Oregon State Police (OSP) completed an investigation on the escape from MacLaren that occurred in 2024. OYA contacted OSP to request a copy and seek approval to release a copy. OSP notified us that the case is still active in the Marion County District Attorney's office and we would have to see their permission.
- OYA contacted the Marion County District Attorney's Office and confirmed that the case is active in their office and they cannot release any reports at this time.

Cost Per Day for Youth

- OYA provided testimony on March 26, along with a graphic, that demonstrates the cost per day for youth in an OYA facility. As we testified, it is \$745 per day.
- OYA's Community Services budget encompasses Community Supervision (JPPOs), Foster Care, Residential Treatment, and Individualized Services. We are putting together a table that will reflect the cost per day of different services provided in the community. We anticipate providing this to the committee by Friday of this week.

Thank you for the questions, and we are happy to provide any further information that may be of resource to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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