

OYA and county juvenile staff are at risk of exposure to bodily fluids.

SB 813 provides a simple correction to an oversight.



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Testing for Communicable Diseases

WHAT SB 813 DOES

In the performance of their official duties, OYA and county juvenile staff may come into contact with the bodily fluids of another person.

SB 813 adds these staff to a list of public safety workers who may ask the court to compel the source person to be tested for certain communicable diseases.

BACKGROUND

ORS 433.085 used to allow OYA and county juvenile staff to petition the court to compel communicable disease testing if exposed to body fluids in the workplace. When ORS 433.085 was repealed and replaced with ORS 431A.570 in 2017, OYA and county juvenile staff were inadvertently omitted. ORS 431A.570 currently protects:

- parole and probation officers
- emergency medical services providers
- licensed health care providers
- corrections officers
- firefighters

WHY WE SUPPORT IT

OYA staff and county juvenile staff work closely with youth in numerous situations that could lead to exposure, just like other public safety workers. We want to retain staff, and a key piece of that is providing them safe workspaces. Part of ensuring their safety is extending the right to petition for testing.

Fiscal Impact: None

Related Statutes: ORS 431A.570

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OUR MISSION

OYA protects the public and reduces crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

OUR VISION

Youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.