OYA's fee-for-service model limits options and delays rehabilitation.

SB 818 supports diverse providers and better placements.



WHAT SB 818 DOES

It allows OYA to pay a provider a flat fee for a guaranteed capacity.

For example, OYA could pay a provider a flat rate to hold a set number of beds consistently ready for OYA youth.

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BACKGROUND

OYA contracts with community providers for care, supervision, and treatment. Current law largely limits OYA to paying these providers a fee for services rendered, which works for established providers with stable income, but it is harder for new, smaller, and specialized providers.

Under this fee-for-service model, OYA may not be able to place youth in the best possible setting. They may stay in closed-custody facilities longer than necessary, slowing progress and costing more money.

Oregon's Department of Human Services uses a fee-for-service model alongside a capacity model that pays providers a flat fee for guaranteed capacity.

WHY WE SUPPORT IT

SB 818 will make it easier for us to maintain a diversity of options to place OYA youth. With more options, we can ensure each youth gets the right placement so they do not linger in our facilities. Capacity payments will also support new providers, adding more options for not just OYA but other related agencies as well.

Fiscal Impact: None

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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

Related Statutes: ORS 420A.010

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