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Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Wallan and Chotzen, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:



The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) appreciates the opportunity to provide information regarding HB2677. We have been an active partner and participant during previous legislative session's focus on juvenile expunction reform. We have also been directly involved with county juvenile departments, courts, and other system partners in the implementation of prior expunction bills.

OYA understands that HB2677 seeks to system-initiate expunction for youth who have been adjudicated on a felony charge and meet specific qualifications, including, but not limited to a four-year wait after termination of jurisdiction and no adult convictions or pending charges.

OYA is interested in learning more about proposed amendments that have been discussed, specifically qualifying conditions, who the bill impacts, and effective date. All those changes will help our agency be ready and capable to work with system partners on implementation. OYA manages the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) and the connected Business Intelligence System, which is the key to easily identifying youth who might be eligible. Therefore, the effective date, and the date by which OYA is allowed to take action, is critical to ensure that any policy passed by the legislature can be implemented within the given time frame.

OYA does not support or oppose this legislation. The approach to this bill, and the bills that came before it has been one of cooperation and collaboration between system partners. It has been a pleasure to work with legislators, legal advocates, county juvenile departments, court, and law enforcement amongst others on a seemingly simple, yet very complex aspect of juvenile justice. This cooperation and collaboration have allowed for both thoughtful and technical sound solutions to be drafted.

Thank you for your time, and OYA is available to be a resource to the committee and any members on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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