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**To: Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee**

**From: Tim Svenson, Executive Director**  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**Kevin Campbell, Executive Director**  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**Date:** March 27, 2025

**Re: HB 5041 - Testimony in Support**  
**Oregon Youth Authority Budget**

**Co-Chair Broadman and Evans and members of the committee,**

On behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), we submit this testimony in support of House Bill 5041, the budget for the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). As law enforcement professionals, we recognize OYA as an essential partner in public safety and youth rehabilitation.

OYA provides the structure, education, and support necessary for young offenders to reintegrate successfully into society. Its evidence-based programs reduce recidivism and help youth find productive paths forward. By investing in individualized treatment, vocational training, and mental health services, OYA equips young people with tools for lasting change.

Failing to intervene early results in higher rates of reoffending and incarceration. OYA's rehabilitative programs help break these cycles, benefiting both individuals and communities. HB 5041 ensures OYA has the resources to expand interventions, retain skilled staff, and maintain safe facilities that promote positive change.

We urge this committee to fully fund OYA's budget as outlined in HB 5041, reinforcing Oregon's commitment to a balanced justice system that holds youth accountable while offering them a path to redemption.

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